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# BLOOD STOCK LEVELS HIT BY BAD WEATHER

## NHS asks KoS readers to help boost life-saving supplies



**SAVING GRACE:** The NHS wants you to roll up your sleeves and donate some blood

VITAL blood supplies are at risk of falling dangerously low – and the NHS has called on Kent on Sunday readers to roll up their sleeves and make a donation.

Health experts say the drop follows the bout of severe weather which hit the county, leaving many people unable to reach donation sessions because of the heavy snow.

Accidents caused by icy pavements and treacherous driving conditions also meant additional supplies were used across the UK to treat casualties in A&E.

People's busy personal lives over Christmas was another factor blamed for the decrease in donors coming forward.

Claire Dolling, spokeswoman for NHS Blood and Transplant, said the festive season always leads to a drop in donors, but this year the problem has been even worse.

"Because Christmas fell on a Friday this year, there were fewer blood donor sessions taking place over the two-week period; six full days and two half days instead of the usual 10 full days," she said.

"It's vital that people continue to give blood – especially at this time of year as stocks traditionally take a drop.

"Christmas can be a hectic time for many,

By **MARIJKE COX**

With all the preparations and anticipation for the festive season, giving blood can fall down the 'to-do list'. We are urging Kent on Sunday readers to think of others and give blood as it really does save lives.

"Blood stocks have to be constantly replenished and we'd like to get more people regularly giving blood in the Kent area."

Donated blood – which is used in life-saving operations – cannot be stockpiled as the two components taken from it have short shelf lives.

Ms Dolling said: "Platelets – a clotting factor used to help treat leukaemia and cancer patients – last for just five days.

"Red cells last longer at 35 days, and are often transfused to patients suffering from severe anaemia or severe blood loss.

"It's therefore vital that both regular and new donors come forward to give blood and ensure sufficient blood is available for patients."

Ruth Greenaway, from the National Blood Service, part of NHS Blood and Transplant, said although supplies in the county were not yet at rock bottom, the spell of severe weather had hit stocks.

"The bad weather kept people from getting to their donation sessions," she said. "People should make it their New Year's resolution to

give blood – it's only once every 16 weeks."

Stocks of blood are moved around the UK dependant on where they are needed at any one time.

Thirty per cent of red blood cells issued to hospitals are used in cardiothoracic, orthopaedic and general surgery.

They are essential to replace blood loss in accidents, surgery and after childbirth, and are used in the treatment of anaemia and for sickle cell disease.

Around 700,000 donations are needed every single day across the UK to ensure there are enough supplies to help treat patients.

Just 4,810 people gave blood in Kent over the Christmas period.

Statistics revealed by NHS Blood and Transplant showed that 96 per cent of people rely on the other four per cent to give blood.

Ms Dolling added: "Giving blood is one of most selfless acts you can do to help others.

"It takes less than an hour, is painless and you never know when you may need blood yourself. Appointments can be made so you're not kept waiting and many people fit it in on their way to or from work.

"If it's been on your to-do list for ages and you haven't gotten around to it then tick it off today. Save a life and give blood."

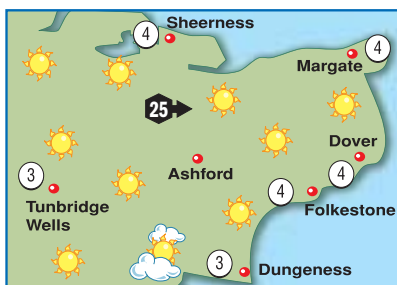
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## Kent today



**TODAY:** Dry with long sunny periods developing. A clear evening with a widespread frost. A strong westerly wind. Max temp 1-4C (34-39F).

**TONIGHT:** Dry with clear periods, although cloudier by dawn. Moderate westerly winds. Frosty. Min temp -4 to -1C (25-30F).

## Around Britain

		°C	°F			°C	°F
Aberdeen	snow	2	36	London	sun	2	36
Belfast	fair	2	36	Liverpool	fair	3	37
Birmingham	sun	2	36	Manchester	fair	2	36
B'mouth	sun	5	41	Newcastle	fair	1	34
Bristol	sun	5	41	Norwich	sun	2	36
Cardiff	sun	4	39	Oxford	sun	2	36
Cork	sun	2	36	Southsea	sun	5	41
Edinburgh	fair	2	36	S'hampton	sun	3	37
Glasgow	fair	2	36	Southport	fair	4	39
Isle of Man	sleet	6	43	Swansea	sun	5	41
Leeds	fair	1	34	Torquay	sun	6	43





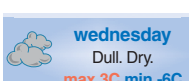
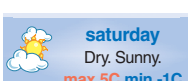
## Sun & moon

Sunrise	8.08am	Sunset	4.01pm	Lighting up times:
Moonrise	8.03pm	Moonsset	9.38am	4.01pm to 8.08am

## High Tides

	today	tomorrow
	ht (m)	ht (m)
Dover	00.21 6.9 12.42 6.8	01.10 6.9 13.33 6.7
Margate	01.10 4.8 13.44 4.9	01.58 4.8 14.36 4.9
St Mary's	06.15 6.0 18.42 5.7	07.03 5.9 19.29 5.6

## Week ahead

 <b>monday</b> Cloudy. Dry. max 3C min -3C	 <b>thursday</b> Light snow. max 3C min -5C
 <b>tuesday</b> Dry. Bright. max 4C min -3C	 <b>friday</b> Bright later. max 4C min -2C
 <b>wednesday</b> Dull. Dry. max 3C min -6C	 <b>saturday</b> Dry. Sunny. max 5C min -1C

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# Bloodshed continues as another hero dies

## Soldier sixth from county killed in Afghanistan in 2009

By **MARIJKE COX**

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THE death of another soldier killed serving on the frontline in Afghanistan has marked what has been a bloody six weeks for the county.

Rifleman Aidan Howell, from Sidcup, was the fourth young soldier from Kent to die in the run up to the New Year.

The 19-year-old, from the 3rd Battalion, The Rifles, was killed in an explosion in the Kajaki area of Helmand Province on Monday.

His devastated family paid tribute to their "Sunshine Boy".

They said: "We cannot begin to express the total and utter devastation we feel at the loss of our beautiful son Aidan."

"He may be recognised as a hero now, but to his family and everyone who was lucky enough to know him, he was already a hero."

"His loss is a tragedy and he goes to join a line of gallant Riflemen who have made the ultimate sacrifice in the service of their country and their mates out here in Afghanistan."

The Leeds United fan died just a week after Maidstone-born Lance Corporal Michael Pritchard was shot and killed.

The 22-year-old, from the 4th Regiment, Royal Military Police, died on December 20 in what is believed to have been friendly fire in the Sagin area of central Helmand Province.

An investigation into the circumstances surrounding his death is under way.

Only a month before, Sergeant Robert Loughran-Dickson, also from the 4th Regiment of the Royal Military Police, was shot while taking part in a routine patrol in the Nad e-Ali district of the Helmand Province.

A military funeral was held for the 33-year-old father-of-one in his home town of Deal.

But just six days after the service, on December 15, news of another death came through after Rifleman James Brown, from the 3 Rifles Reconnaissance Platoon, was killed by suicide bombers in northern Helmand.

The 18-year-old, from Orpington, had only joined the platoon in October after completing his training in Catterick.

Their tragic deaths bring home the reality of life on the frontline in Afghanistan where



**LATEST CASUALTY:** Rifleman Aidan Howell, 19, was killed in an explosion in Helmand Province on Monday

more than 100 British lives were lost in 2009.

Also among those from Kent was Corporal Kumar Pun, from the 1st Battalion The Royal Gurkha Rifles, based at the Shorncliffe Barracks.

The 31-year-old, from Dover, died in May when a suicide bomber crashed into his patrol vehicle in the Gereshek region of Helmand.

Just two months later in July, 27-year-old Captain Ben Babington-Browne, from Maidstone, of the 22 Royal Engineers, was killed in a helicopter crash in Afghanistan.

Tributes have been paid to all the soldiers who have lost their lives.

The family of Lance Cpl Pritchard spoke of their great sadness after his death.

"A light that shines brightly, our precious son, brother, grandson, boyfriend and special friend to all, we are very proud of you in all that you have achieved and you will always be in our hearts now and evermore," they said.

Among the many tributes paid to the young soldier was one from his closest friend in the unit, Lance Cpl Joe Cooper, who said he would "miss him forever".

Tributes were also paid to Rifleman James Brown.

His family called him a "true hero".

Days before his death the teenager had written home saying: "Merry Christmas to my family, dad, Steph, Sam and Ellie, also to my dog Smuttsy."

"Have a good one. Also Merry Christmas to my friends who I am with right now."



**KENT'S FALLEN HEROES OF 2009:** (l-r top) Capt Ben Babington-Browne, Rifleman James Brown, (l-r middle) Sgt Robert Loughran-Dickson, Cpl Kumar Pun, (left) Lance Cpl Michael Pritchard

His dad, builder Steve, 51, who has three daughters, Steph, 21, Sam, 20, and Ellie, 16, said: "To know he wished us a Merry Christmas is the most special present we'll ever receive."

Major James Richardson, Officer Commanding B Company, 3 Rifles, called the young soldier's death "particularly cruel".

Like Rifleman Brown, Sergeant Robert Loughran-Dickson was also called a "true hero" by his family.

"He gave the ultimate sacrifice doing what he loved and was devoted to."

"You lit up our lives and that light will stay bright forever. You will be greatly missed, but always loved by all."

He was described as an "honest, caring, genuine and devoted soldier and father" by Captain Karen Tait, operations officer of 160 Provost Company.

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By **MARIJKE COX**

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THE search is on to find the Lottery player who has yet to claim their prize of more than £3.7 million.

A massive jackpot of £3,786,303 remains untouched, as officials from the National Lottery try and track down the person who bought the winning ticket in the Dover area.

Players are being urged to check and double-check their tickets.

The winning Lotto numbers which matched the midweek draw on Wednesday, December 2, are 2, 19, 22, 25, 34 and 47.

The winner has until 5.30pm on Monday, May 31, to claim the life-changing prize.

If no-one comes forward before the deadline, the prize money, plus the interest it has gained, will go to good causes.

A spokesperson from the National Lottery said: "We're desperate to find this mystery ticket-holder and unite them with their winnings – this amazing jackpot prize could really make a huge difference to somebody's life."

"We're urging everyone to check their old tickets again or look anywhere a missing ticket could be hiding."

"Try checking in the pockets of clothing, in wallets, bags and down the back of the sofa – someone out there could be sitting on a fortune."

"We have the champagne on ice and our fingers crossed that the lucky winner comes forward to claim their prize."

To jog Lotto players' memories, Peter Kay's Animated All Stars topped the UK singles chart at the time the winning numbers were drawn, with The Official BBC Children in Need medley.

Susan Boyle was at the top of the album charts with I Dreamed a Dream.

Or a little closer to home, Dover Athletic were playing on Tuesday, December 1 – the night before the Lotto draw.

The Blue Conference South team were away at Staines Town and came away with a vital point after a 0-0 draw.

# Mystery Lotto winner £3.7m none the wiser

## Numbers 2, 19, 22, 25, 34 and 47 hit the jackpot for ticket holder who has until end of May to collect winnings

Since July 15 last year there have been 20 unclaimed prizes, including the EuroMillion draw, totalling £10,522,703.

If these remain unclaimed the money, plus interest, will go to good causes, adding to the £23 billion already raised through

sales of tickets since the National Lottery launched in November 1994.

• **Anyone who believes they may have the winning ticket within the 180-day deadline can call the National Lottery Line on 0845 910 0000.**

## Jailed over fake visa

A NIGERIAN national who showed a false passport to church authorities when he tried to get married has been jailed for a year.

Ayokunie James Osusami of Saltings Road, Snodland, pleaded guilty to four counts of document fraud, at Maidstone Crown Court.

Officers from the UK Border Agency Joint Immigration Crime Team arrested him on September 30 last year when investigations into his proposed marriage suggested he had presented a false Nigerian passport to the church authorities.

Further enquiries showed Osusami, also known as Akeem Olusesi, had entered the UK on a visitor visa in 2005 but had not left the country.

The UK Border Agency will seek to deport Osusami once his sentence has been served.

## Cops get copper case

TWO men were arrested after police turned up at an empty house in Herne Bay to find all the copper piping had been stripped out and piled up in a room.

Banging was heard coming from the house before officers arrived at 8pm on Monday, December 28.

To see this clip, search 'Boxing Day' @ [yourkenttv.co.uk](http://yourkenttv.co.uk)



Every Boxing Day, whatever the weather, a swim in the sea takes place in Folkestone, organised by the Lions Club



**BRAVERY AWARDS:** (l-r) Hannah Walker, Andrew Hunt and Kirstie Greenslade

## Rescuers rewarded

A SCOUT who rescued a fisherman swept out to sea in South Africa is one of several to have received bravery awards.

Qualified lifesaver Andrew Hunt, 17, from Deal, was supervising fellow Scouts while on an adventure expedition last summer when he learned of the fisherman's plight.

He said: "I decided to paddle 70 metres through high waves on my body board to reach him. The waves were pulling us towards some rocks, so I had to act quickly and bring him to the shore."

"If it wasn't for my first aid training in Scouting I would never have been able to save him."

Andrew was one of 12 youngsters throughout the country – and one of three in Kent – to receive special awards for outstanding bravery from the Scout Association.

His actions also earned him a certificate of commendation from the Royal Life Saving Society UK.

Fourteen-year-old Hannah Walker, from Sheerness, was recognised for the help she

offered to her fellow Minster College pupils when a heating vent fell from the ceiling of their school gym.

The shocking incident in May last year, which attracted wide media attention, happened as youngsters from year nine took a Sats exam.

Hannah suffered head and back injuries after pushing one of her friends out of the way of the vent, but continued to help others who were also hurt.

She said: "I just acted out of instinct and I was determined to help my friends. I never realised until later that I was injured as well."

Kirstie Greenslade, from Broadstairs, received her bravery award on her 17th birthday after rescuing a man spotted face down in the sea.

The youngster, who was sailing in her dinghy at the time, managed to get his head out of the water and bring him to safety.

Kirstie said: "It was good I was able to help this man and I feel honoured to receive a medal for bravery on my 17th birthday."

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# It's Christmas all over again as sales boom

By **STEVE KNIGHT**

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SHOPPERS laughed in the face of the recession as they turned out in their thousands to enjoy the post-Christmas sales.

Visitor numbers at Bluewater were up by about 25 per cent on Boxing Day, while high streets throughout the county also reported a dramatic increase in footfall from the previous festive period.

The news is an added bonus for Kent's retailers, who were already boosted by last week's revelation that sales for November 2009 were up three per cent nationally compared to a year earlier.

Bluewater general manager Andrew Parkinson said most shops did not start their sales early like last year, which has helped increase post-Christmas footfall figures.

He said: "We expect visitor numbers will be about 25 per cent up versus Boxing Day last year, with more than 125,000 guests shopping. By 11am our car parks were already at 70 per cent capacity."

"Traditionally people visit Bluewater on Boxing Day to treat themselves, spending Christmas money and gift cards – sales of which have increased by 24 per cent – and to stock up on spring fashion and accessories."

"We believe the trend will be the same this year although we are also anticipating higher than usual sales of big-ticket items like flat screen televisions as shoppers rush to avoid the VAT increase on January 1."

While Boxing Day was certainly prosper-



**DELIGHTED:** Michelle Buabin and Cindy Claire, both from Dartford, bag some bargains

ous for Bluewater's retailers, the shopping centre's busiest day of the year was the following Bank Holiday Monday – dubbed 'Mega Monday' by managers.

High streets have also experienced increased visitor numbers compared to last year. Maidstone town centre manager Bill Morris said it was due to the panic of the recession having died down.

He added: "It's been Christmas all over again for the retailers down here because it's been absolutely manic."

There was also good news for Westwood Cross in Thanet, which was celebrating its most successful festive period since it opened.

Marketing manager Tracie Stevens said: "All stores have been incredibly busy and

the sales have got off to a flying start."

She continued: "It will take time for the figures to come in but it would not be a surprise if this was a record-breaking year because the goods are just flying off the shelves."

Meanwhile, representatives from Bluewater will be among those urging the Government to extend Sunday opening hours. Along with other shopping centres like Manchester's Trafford Centre and Westfield in London, Bluewater believes the current trading limit of six hours is not long enough.

## Don't miss the exclusive KoS property report

IF YOU are interested in buying, selling or renting a home in 2010 look out for next weekend's edition of your favourite countywide newspaper.

We will be publishing our unique Kent Property Market Report, covering all aspects of housing.

Experts and housing professionals will be offering their analysis of the market, and predicting what 2010 has in store for us all.

So if you work in the homes industry, or are planning a move in the next 12 months, you can't afford to miss next weekend's Kent on Sunday.

To see this clip search 'Augusta' @ [yourkenttv.co.uk](http://yourkenttv.co.uk)



**Fly over Dover with Chamber of Commerce chairman David Foley and businessman Ken Wills**

## Increase in thriftiness hits our charity shops

CHARITY shops are seeing fewer donations as people struggle with the recession and opt to sell their unwanted goods online.

The popularity of eBay, coupled with the economic downturn, has been blamed for the drop in donations. And of the goods handed in, many have seen better days.

Managers at charity shops said people are choosing to get the most out of their clothes before donating them. But they insisted that every item given is appreciated.

Lynda Middleton, area manager for the British Heart Foundation in Kent, said the last few months have been extremely hard.

"It's pretty bad at the moment and we are hoping to get as much public support as possible," she said. "More people are shopping in charity shops, but less are donating..."

"I'm just hoping that in the next few weeks we'll see an upturn with people bringing in unwanted Christmas presents."

Isobella Abison, assistant manager of the British Red Cross shop in Folkestone, agreed

there has been a noticeable drop in the amount of goods donated to charity shops.

"I think people have more of an understanding about what things are worth, so they perhaps look at what they can sell themselves on the internet," she said.

Ms Abison said although the shop stocks high quality goods, some donations need a bit of extra work when they come in.

"We appreciate all the donations we get and we now have a dressmaker who can stitch things up. We have to be a bit more creative with things now."

But while some are struggling, others are continuing to flourish, with donations the same as they have always been.

Trudy Hollingsbee, manager of Oxfam in Canterbury, said the shop is bucking the national trend: "We're very lucky here that donations are still coming in. The only thing that has changed is that the standard of some of the bric-a-brac has gone down, but really, we have nothing to complain about."

## Drug traces found in teen's body



Edward Barry

THE family of a 14-year-old boy who was found dead in Gravesend in November have revealed he had taken drugs before he died.

Edward Barry's parents, Patrick and Justine Barry, said: "The toxicology report concluded methadone was detected at a concentration within the range associated with fatalities in people with little or no

tolerance to the drug. We are also aware diazepam was detected. Whilst these results give us an indication of why he died, we will wait for the coroner to decide the cause of his death."

Edward attended Gravesend Grammar School for Boys. His body was found in a home in Parrock Street, Gravesend.

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## Youth worker befriended his victims' families

### CASE STUDY ONE

A FORMER youth club worker who sexually abused six children could face life behind bars after a judge handed him an indefinite prison sentence, writes Anna White.

David Mason, of Cambridge Crescent in Shepway, was sentenced by Judge Andrew Patience at Maidstone Crown Court.

The court heard how the 55-year-old used a false identity to befriend families in order to abuse the children at his home.

Between January, 2007, and July, 2009, the paedophile sexually abused six victims, all aged between five and 13 years old.

Prosecuting, Tom Dunn told the court Mason had warned officers that he was a "danger" to children and wanted them "to punish him and throw away the key".



JAIL: David Mason

Mason came under investigation when a parent of a nine-year-old girl he had befriended at a youth club, discovered he was using a fake name and was wanted by Scottish police over a similar incident.

Mason was taken to Scotland for questioning on July 4 last year, and when he returned to Maidstone days later he went to the police station to admit he had committed sexual offences with children.

One of the most serious counts involved Mason subjecting a 13-year-old girl to repeated rape and abuse. Mason went on to abuse the girl's friends and a relation.

He also encouraged a 14-year-old boy to perform sexual acts on him and a girl.

The paedophile, who was convicted of abusing a 12-year-old Boy Scout in 1982, pleaded guilty to 26 sexual offences and to obtaining a National Insurance number by using false information.

The charges included several counts of rape, and various other sexual offences, all against children.

Judge Patience said: "You subjected six children to the most wicked, foul and vile abuse to gratify your perverted desires."

Mason will have to serve seven years before he can be eligible for parole, but Judge Patience said he believes the sex offender will still be a threat to children and would serve an indefinite sentence.

An application has been entered for Mason to be issued a sexual prevention order in case he is released.

# 'Ends justify means' in war on child porn

TO MANY outsiders, Det Con Mikaela Stevens' job is one of the most horrific and upsetting imaginable.

A member of Kent Police's public protection unit, it is her duty to sift through thousands of child pornography pictures every year – many of which will contain images of youngsters being beaten or forced to have sex with animals.

But after having spent just over a year in her new role, the 28-year-old told KOS Media she thought it was one of the best jobs going.

DC Stevens said: "It's brilliant, because ultimately it protects children. They're the most vulnerable members of society, so you can't get much better than that."

"You do have to deal with a lot of potentially horrible things, but the end goal is worth it. I have to look at so many of these pictures that they merge into the ether of everything we do."

### Families

"The most unpleasant part of the job is the fallout from the families of the offenders and the impact it has on them."

"There's nothing nice whatsoever about knocking on someone's door and explaining to a relative why you are there."

"You don't forget those, but I would happily knock on 100 doors if it meant saving one child from abuse."

DC Stevens has been employed by Kent Police for the past seven years and joined the public protection unit, based at Kent Police HQ in Maidstone, in November, 2008.

Every day she reviews packages of informa-

**DC Mikaela Stevens has to look at thousands of pictures of child abuse every year as part of her job hunting down paedophiles. She tells reporter STEVE KNIGHT about the difficulties that come with her role, and why it's worth it to protect the most vulnerable members of our society**

tion about suspected paedophiles to determine whether there is enough evidence to obtain a search warrant from the magistrates and, ultimately, to present a case to the Crown Prosecution Service.

Pictures and videos containing depictions of child abuse are categorised on a scale of one to five, with level one showing images of "erotic posing, with no sexual activity".

The level of abuse increases gradually up to level five, which are images depicting sadism or bestiality.

The number of pictures of each category can often determine the length of sentence a convicted paedophile can expect to receive.

DC Stevens said: "You do have to put a lot of thought into taking up a role like this, but it's not the sort of job you would apply for unless you were fully prepared to deal with that sort of thing."

"There's a lot of training provided by the child exploitation and online protection team, and the force has a strong support network to ensure everyone is looked after."

"I don't think you ever get desensitised from looking at child abuse images, but some things are easier to deal with than others."

"We all talk to each other about the things we have seen, and I think that helps, because



PHOTOS: Bernard Payne

you never know what you're going to get."

One of DC Stevens' most recent convictions saw 61-year-old Bernard Payne, from Dartford, jailed for a year.

Officers who raided his home last year found 39 hours of child pornography footage, as well as 346 images.

In addition to the prison sentence imposed on him in November, Payne was also made subject to a seven-year sexual offences prevention order and he will be on the sex offenders' register.

DC Stevens said: "The reactions you get from the families of offenders aren't particularly pleasant, but the ends justify the means."

"At the end of the day, you never know what you're going to find, but it could help save a child, whether they be in Kent or somewhere on the other side of the world."

## 'I'm not the only one doing it' says 'wicked' paedophile

A PAEDOPHILE jailed for making child porn attempted to justify himself by telling police: "I'm not the only one in the world doing it".

Kim Wildey, 55, from Sittingbourne, will spend the next 15 months in prison after being caught with 99 pictures and 54 movie clips on his computer – four of which depicted sadism and/or bestiality.

He pleaded guilty to four charges of making indecent images and 16 of possessing them, and was sentenced at Maidstone Crown Court on Wednesday, December 23.

### CASE STUDY TWO

Judge Andrew Patience told Wildey: "You are a worrying case because you seem not to appreciate entirely just how grave these offences are."

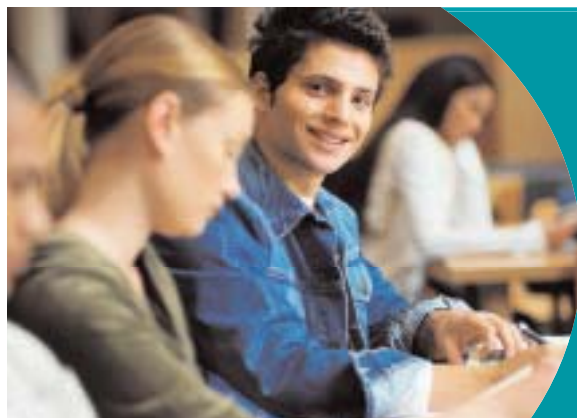
"In interview you said I'm not the only one in the world doing it. As I speak, somewhere on this planet someone is doing wicked things to terrified children. Children are damaged because people like you gain gratification from looking at such material."

In sentencing Wildey, Judge Patience took into consideration a conviction in 1996 for gross indecency and indecent assault.

Wildey must sign the sex offenders' register and remain on it for the next 10 years.

Det Con Mark Tyler, who led the investigation, said: "Investigations identified that Wildey had downloaded child abuse images."

"The viewing of child abuse images is not a victimless crime, and serves to encourage even more abuse of the most vulnerable people in society."



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# Heart attack victim is now a record breaker

A WEIGHTLIFTER has powered his way into the record books less than two years after suffering a heart attack that left him on life support, *writes Steve Knight*.

Mark Macey, 47, from Sittingbourne, beat off the competition to win the Masters 1 division of the South East Powerlifting Championships, which were held at Astor College, Dover.

En route to glory he broke the squat record in the 90kg weight category by lifting 250kg – the equivalent of more than three washing machines.

His achievement was made all the more incredible considering he spent 18 days in a coma after suffering a near-fatal heart attack, and a further six weeks in hospital recovering.

Mr Macey said: "The support I have had from my family, friends and colleagues has been fantastic and it makes a big difference when they are there for you."

"It was great to get back into the gym. I would have been devastated if I could not



**TOUGH ACT:** Mark Macey set new record

have gone back to weightlifting. I love the challenge of it, trying to lift more than before."

Mr Macey, who works as a sewerage engineer for Southern Water, trains three times a week at Nobby's Gym in Sittingbourne.

His success in the South East championships mean he will now take part in the British championships in March.

Mr Macey said: "It (breaking the squat record) felt fantastic. At my age you don't get to break many records so it was amazing to do it after what I have gone through."

## Walking stick attack

POLICE investigating an incident in which a man was attacked with a walking stick outside the Card Factory shop in Biggin Street, Dover, are appealing for witnesses.

It is alleged a woman attacked a 26-year-old man with the stick, causing minor injuries to his nose. The incident happened at about 11.30am on Tuesday, December 22.

## Dog's lucky break

A FIVE-hour rescue by firefighters led to Lucky the dog returning home on Christmas Eve after six days stuck in a badgers' set.

The 12-year-old Lakeland Patterdale Cross got into trouble while being taken for a walk at woodland near the William Harvey Hospital, Ashford, on Friday, December 18.



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# Winter chaos lessons 'learnt'

By **STEVE KNIGHT**

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LESSONS will be learned from the winter weather that brought chaos to Kent's road and rail network, says transport minister Paul Clark.

The MP for Gillingham and Rainham said he felt the county coped generally well with last month's cold snap, but major problems affecting the Eurostar service in particular were "unacceptable".

He added that he had already noticed improvements in the level of response compared to when the snow last fell, in February.

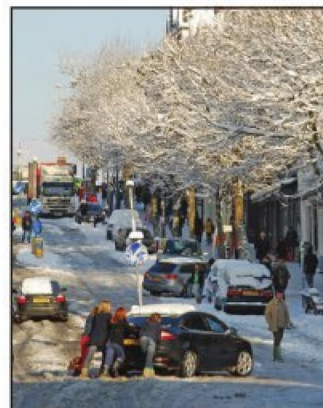
Mr Clark said: "Lessons were learned from February, for instance I haven't heard any reports of salt supplies running out. I also think there has been better co-ordination for services generally."

"But there will always be further improvements that can be taken on board and I have no doubt that once things are back to normal we will want to have a further review of what went well and what did not."

Traffic was brought to a standstill and trains cancelled, while thousands of Eurostar customers were left stranded for days when a series of breakdowns brought the cross-Channel service to its knees.

Many also found themselves trapped inside the Channel Tunnel while engineers worked to rectify the problem, which is now the subject of an independent review.

Shadow transport minister Julian Brazier, MP for Canterbury and



Picture: DAN SMITH

**SNOW GO AREA:** Mount Pleasant in Tunbridge Wells was one of the roads made virtually impassable

Whitstable, aired his concerns about the incident in a letter to Mr Clark, who agreed such a situation must not be allowed to happen again.

Mr Clark said: "Every step was taken to ensure Kent's roads were kept clear and Network Rail did all it could to keep a complex rail system up and running, but the issues around

Eurostar were clearly unacceptable. "A lot of people were very adversely affected by the problems and that's why over the weekend in question I received regular updates and was also involved in discussions with my French counterparts and with Eurostar themselves."

"But there are still several questions that need to be answered."

According to Kent County Council, all 53 primary routes in the county were salted six times and 48 secondary routes four times when the snowfall was at its heaviest – between Thursday, December 17, and Sunday, December 20.

But despite more than 6,500 tonnes of salt being spread, motorists still struggled to leave their homes and train services were regularly delayed or cancelled.

Mr Clark said it had been agreed that the amount of money spent on tackling ice and snow was proportionate to how often the UK suffers from it per year: "On the whole we don't have that many days of snow of the quantity we did last month. I don't know how frequently it will happen in the future, but if it does carry on then obviously we will have to review the spending situation."

## Gritting is on the wrong path

A LACK of salt protecting the county's frozen pavements has been blamed on a previous reorganisation of Kent Highway Services.

Kent Lib Dem leader Cllr Trudy Dean said the effect of the shake-up several years ago was that borough councils can no longer grit the paths in their area without first waiting for a delivery from KCC.

She said: "Staff at the more remote

spots do not have the local knowledge to know where the most important and dangerous spots are, where gritting is needed for the public to be able to get to shops safely."

"Kent Highway Services don't appear to have learned from last February when the same thing happened. KCC should return to the arrangement with the boroughs and give them the grit to do the job."

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# Hit-and-run murder victim was a 'loving, caring man'

## Police searching for missing car involved in killing

THE widow of a man murdered in a hit-and-run attack says her heart has been "ripped open" by his death.

Jack Treeby, 43, from Rainham, was crushed beneath the wheels of a Range Rover that sped towards him in Quarry Road, Maidstone, at about 7pm last Sunday.

His brother Gary, 39, was also hit by the vehicle and was shot during the incident.

He suffered life-threatening injuries and is currently in a stable condition in hospital.

Jack Treeby's son – also called Jack – suffered minor injuries when he too was clipped by the Land Rover as it sped away.

It has been reported in the national press that the killing may have been sparked by an argument over sexual infidelities.

### Cooperation

Karen Treeby – the widow of the murdered man – said her husband was a "loving, caring man" who "worshipped" his wife and children.

She added: "He did not deserve what happened to him. I feel like my heart has been ripped open.

"We have been robbed of a wonderful, caring man who will live in our hearts forever."

Kent Police are currently viewing CCTV footage and following up a number of lines of inquiry. They are also examining a second vehicle – a Ford Mondeo – which was set alight at the scene.

Det Supt Lee Catling said: "We appreciate this incident may have caused alarm, but would like

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to reassure the community that extensive inquiries are being carried out in order to bring the offenders to justice.

"We are grateful to the residents for their assistance with the investigation.

"Their co-operation has been vital in moving forward with our lines of inquiry and bringing together the many elements of this murder investigation.

"We continue to appeal for information however, and would like to hear from anyone who witnessed the incident or the moments leading up to it."

DS Catling added that officers were also trying to locate the Range Rover, which is a blue estate similar to the model pictured, with the possible registration number J862 WEG.

A post-mortem examination confirmed Mr Treeby died as a result of multiple head and chest injuries.

Anyone with information can call the Kent Police incident room on 01622 652222 or CrimeStoppers, in confidence, on 0800 555111.

• This week police have been interviewing a woman arrested in connection with a hit-and-run shooting in Maidstone. No charges had been issued at time of press.



**KILLED:** Jack Treeby on his wedding day (above), and the type of Range Rover police are searching for (left)

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# Sign up and stop the abuse

**VIOLENT** men who subject their families to domestic abuse are being given the chance to reform.

The new self-referral programme comes at a time of year recognised by professionals as particularly problematic, when the festive season can bring tension and pressure to the family home.

This is blamed on stress and money worries combined with increased alcohol consumption and spending more time with family.

The new community domestic abuse programme, run by the St Giles Trust and Kent

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Probation Service, allows men to sign themselves up for a 27-week course of counselling sessions.

Experts behind the scheme say this makes them take responsibility for their actions and find out why they subject loved ones to violence. It is the first of its kind in the country and has proved so successful in Tonbridge, Folkestone and Medway, that it is now being rolled out across north Kent.

Rob Owen, chief executive at the St Giles Trust, said it was crucial the reasons behind domestic abuse were examined and that abusers faced up to their actions.

"About one-in-four people will experience some form of domestic abuse in their lifetime," he said.

"It is vital victims are supported, but alongside this we work at the source of the problem with the perpetrators, getting them to change their behaviour.

"We don't wave a magic wand and the community domestic abuse programme is very challenging, not an easy ride.

"However, it helps promote the safety of women and children and enables the men to learn to handle their relationships without resorting to conflict and abuse."

## Convictions

The Home Office-approved scheme has seen 35 men successfully complete the course since it launched in early 2009, with 27 partners and 77 children subsequently helped.

There are 25 men currently engaged in the programme, which is based on an existing scheme run by St Giles working with men who have convictions for domestic abuse.

With the new course, men who realise they have a problem can get the help they need, even if they have not been convicted. According to experts, it can help put a stop to domestic abuse before it gets out of control.

A charity official said: "The men who attend the programme come from all walks of life. Many are living with their partners

and children, some are separated and others have accepted their future lies elsewhere. A common theme among them is a motivation to change their ways."

The course consists of group sessions with eight men and two facilitators and a monthly support group is also run for those who have completed the programme.

Det Ch Insp Trevor Lawry, of Kent Police's public protection unit, said it was particularly important to highlight domestic abuse at this time of year.

He said: "The festive season can bring tension and pressure to the home and money worries combined with spending more time at home and increased alcohol consumption can lead to domestic abuse.

"Substance abuse can make things more unpredictable and severe, but will never be accepted as an excuse for subjecting a partner to domestic abuse.

"It is not acceptable for anyone to live in fear of being abused. If you are a victim of domestic abuse, or a neighbour who knows domestic abuse is happening, please report it. Don't wait until the problem escalates because it could be too late.

"It is essential that victims of domestic abuse realise they are not alone."

Anyone wishing to sign up to the community domestic abuse programme can visit [www.stgilestrust.org](http://www.stgilestrust.org).

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CHANNEL Tunnel operator Eurotunnel has defended its actions during the pre-Christmas travel chaos – and attacked both train company Eurostar and the police for their handling of the situation, **writes Nick Ames.**

The company said there was a lack of communication from the train operator to passengers, and evacuations were prolonged because people took bags with them in violation of safety procedures. It also blamed the police for excessive checking of passengers.

A bulletin issued to Eurotunnel shareholders on Christmas Day that made the accusations also rejected claims the firm contributed to the chaos when 2,000 people were trapped in five broken-down trains under the Channel.

The statement reads: "Despite the fact that Eurotunnel is clearly not to blame for these failures, nor responsible for Eurostar's customer service, and that our teams intervened with speed and professionalism, above and beyond what is strictly required, we have been unfairly criticised for not having reacted correctly."

The statement was issued after the breakdowns in the run-up to Christmas, which were caused by condensation in the trains' electrical systems after the interchange of cold air from the outside and warmer air in the Channel Tunnel.

It also criticised Eurostar's communication with travellers on board the stricken trains.

The bulletin said: "Although in continued

# Police and Eurostar added to the chaos, says Tunnel operator

contact with our teams, it is clear the Eurostar teams obviously did not give the right information to passengers."

It went on to say Eurostar staff "in total disregard of safety procedures, told the passengers to bring their luggage with them".

Eurotunnel also said it was "unacceptable"

that several Eurostar staff from the evacuated trains had been "complaining that they needed to be relieved" from duty.

The company also criticised Kent Police, claiming officers had "conducted a series of incomprehensible and interminable checks and controls" during the crisis.

A police spokesman said: "We will discuss any specific concerns, if raised through the appropriate channels."

After the attacks Eurostar said an independent review being carried out would "establish the truth once and for all".

In a statement, the company said passengers' safety was never compromised.

"In our view they should allow the panel of experts to get on with the review and let the facts speak for themselves," Eurostar said.

"The remit of the review is much wider than just the evacuation of passengers from the tunnel and looks at all of the circumstances both before and after the 18 and 19 December."

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Dumbing down seems to be everywhere on the BBC. I am 62 so can remember when we had very little on the screen, but by my 40s it was superb. Even Strictly Come Dancing is full of soap stars. Not everyone watches TV for trivia and prima donnas.

Irene Manser, via email

As with other broadcasters, the schedules on the BBC have evolved significantly as we adapt to the needs of our diverse audiences.

There is always a temptation to remember only the great shows from eras like the 1980s but if you compare the schedules from those days with today, I think you will find that the breadth of programming is more diverse and stronger.

For example, weekday evenings on BBC One in the 80s were dominated by US imports like Dynasty. You won't find many US imports on peak time BBC One – we prefer to invest in UK programming, whilst bringing the occasional US programme we think has something special.

Every programme we show has a different target audience and light entertainment is very popular with UK audiences. But I hope you will feel that BBC entertainment programmes are different from those on offer elsewhere.

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A recent decision in your South East Today office to replace two of its presenters – Geoff Clark and Beverly Thompson – was met with claims of ageism. What do you say to such claims?

Kay Turner, via email

I have been reassured by South East Today that the decision to change their presenters was about refocusing the programme editorially and not to do with age. Many programmes will want to make changes from time to time.

In terms of the debate around ageism, the BBC values the talent of

# Question time for the BBC

all ages. For example, no other broadcaster can claim to represent older women as well as the BBC.

However, the debate demonstrates that viewers want much more than just youth on screen, and at the BBC we have taken this very much on board.



AGEISM?: Geoff Clark lost his job

How can the BBC justify the inflated pay of presenters when that money could be better spent on original programmes to replace the interminable repeats of previous programmes such as Flog It, etc?

Olwen Ford, via email.

For many, the fees we pay top presenters seem a great deal of money. We're working hard to address this, and our presenters are realistic about the level of fees in the current climate. But viewers and listeners tell me they want the best talent on the BBC, not the cheapest.

BBC One peak-time repeats are down to 8.2 per cent from 8.3 per cent last year and 9.7 per cent in 2004-05. But repeats shouldn't always be viewed negatively. Carefully selected repeats are valued by audiences and many viewers appreciate another chance to view

their favourite programmes.

Original programming, such as Life on BBC One and Women We Love on BBC Four, remains a central purpose for us and I believe we offer predominantly new and original quality programmes.

Why does South East Today focus so heavily on Sussex, especially Brighton? Kent is very much the poor relation.

Ian Trickett, via email

The reporting team makes every effort to reflect life across the South East region. There is no intentional focus on life in Sussex.

South East Today has two dedicated east Kent reporters and a video journalist on a rotating basis in Chatham to increase our coverage of the Medway towns.

The team works hard to create a mixture of hard news stories and features on issues which affect people in Kent and East Sussex.

The BBC seems to be rarely out of the headlines at the moment. Does Mr Thompson feel the corporation's main role should be to make the news or simply report on it?

Jenny Pyne, via email.

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By **STEVE KNIGHT**

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**HATE** crime towards autistic people will be the subject of a new Big Lottery-funded research programme.

Carers, politicians and the police know adults with autism and other learning disabilities do suffer abuse from strangers, but have been unable to determine the scale of the problem.

However, a new project run by the Tizard Centre at the University of Kent aims to provide a better understanding of hate crimes and victimisation endured by autistic people.

Principal investigator Dr Julie Beadle-Brown – a senior lecturer in learning disability – explained the purpose of the project, which has just received almost £350,000 from the Big Lottery research programme.

She said: "It's partly down to the fact that we have spent the last 30 years moving people out of institutions and into the commu-

# Autism hate crime research wins funds

nity, allowing them to live where they like.

"But people can't really be integrated if they feel they can't go out; are treated differently by society; and if they are being robbed or burgled. How often that sort of thing happens we don't know, but what we do know is that it does happen."

Titled Living in Fear: Promoting Better Outcomes for People with Disabilities, the Medway-based project will use local focus groups as well as national surveys to research hate crimes and how agencies such as the police respond to them.

It will run for three years in partnership with Autism London and the learning disability charity MCCCH, with an estimated 500 individuals and 20 organisations expected to benefit. Organisers hope the project will serve as an evidence base to

enable policymakers to improve the support on offer to vulnerable people.

Dr Beadle-Brown said: "Through a very small amount of research we know it is an issue and one of the things we need to explore is just what people are reporting.

"We believe it probably takes the same form as other types of abuse like racial harassment, but it might seem more severe to some people with learning difficulties.

"We don't know how prevalent these attacks are so our aim is to explore that with sufferers, police and carers to see how often it

happens and what the outcomes are.

"Medway is quite a well-defined area so we can explore the issues here fairly easily. There shouldn't be any difference really with anywhere else in Kent."

Maria Bremmers, network co-ordinator for Autism London, said the charity was delighted to receive the Big Lottery grant.

She added: "Excellent community safety initiatives can be found in the UK and Kent is no exception. But there is little robust evidence to inform policy and practice, especially concerning the experiences of people with autism.

"There is a strong commitment from all the stakeholders in this project to make a real difference by filling the gaps in knowledge and, where necessary, making real and lasting change."



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## Beds relocated after outbreak

WINTER vomiting bug has forced 12 beds at an NHS hospital to be transferred to another site.

NHS West Kent officials said the rehabilitation beds at Tonbridge Community Hospital have been temporarily moved to Sevenoaks Hospital until Monday, January 4.

The infection control measure came after patients and staff at the Tonbridge hospital came down with a winter vomiting bug.

Barrie Collins, chief nurse for West Kent Community Health, said: "We are working

to ensure patients and staff recover from the infection as soon as possible.

"Nobody is seriously ill and we expect to be able to restore the beds to Tonbridge after completing a deep clean, which is routine after infection."

Inpatients at Tonbridge will not be discharged to nursing homes or other hospitals to ensure the infection does not spread.

The NHS is also working closely with Kent Adult Social Services to find alternative placements and has boosted community support to help patients remain at home.

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# Teacher of the year making 'maths fun'

A MATHS teacher crowned the South East's king of the classroom in October has gone on to beat other hopefuls to scoop the national award, *writes Marijke Cox*.

Dan Walton, who stormed to victory in the regionals, was named UK secondary school teacher of the year at the UK Teaching Awards ceremony at the Theatre Royal in London, broadcast live on BBC2.

The 34-year-old, who works at St John's Catholic Comprehensive in Gravesend, beat off 14 other teachers who were shortlisted in the regional competitions.

He said he was honoured and privileged to have won such a prestigious award and thanked his school for all its support.

"A large number of St John's pupils and colleagues have supported me and met the judges on my behalf," said Mr Walton.

"It is a great feeling to be part of something the whole school is proud of and celebrating."

Mr Walton's passion for teaching started after he finished a degree in maths and German at Hull University, when he went on to teach for a year in South Africa. On his return he started training at St John's School and Canterbury Christchurch University. His award recognises his achievements and his mentoring of trainee teachers.

His provision of extra support for struggling students was also acknowledged.

Pupils say Mr Walton is a "legend" and his fun lessons have led to many pupils achieving two grades higher than expected.

Judges from the teaching awards described



A 'LEGEND': Maths teacher Dan Walton

him as a "huge influence" at St John's and they focused on his "great rapport" with students, which creates a "can-do culture".

They described his personality as "infectious" and praised him for his ability to empathise with pupils. His coaching of trainee and newly-qualified teachers was also called "exceptional".

Mr Walton graduated in 2001 with a PGCE in 11-18 mathematics.

Brian Morgan, senior lecturer in postgraduate initial teacher education at Canterbury Christchurch, said the university was thrilled with Mr Walton's achievements.

"We are delighted that the strengths of one of our former PGCE mathematics student teachers have been recognised by the award of Teacher of the Year in a Secondary School 2009," he said.

"As his former subject tutor and professional tutor, I have a personal interest in his award, which Dan richly deserves."

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# Lumley named hero of 2009

ACTRESS Joanna Lumley has been named as one of the Heroes of 2009 by the Daily Telegraph, *writes Nick Ames*.

The paper said she "became an established national treasure when she battled for recognition for the Gurkhas".

The article stated: "Her father, Major James Lumley, served in Burma during the Second World War with the 3rd Battalion of the 6th Gurkha Rifles, and she was outraged to discover that Nepalese soldiers were denied the right to live in the UK.

"She became the figurehead for the Gurkha Justice Campaign, using her intellect and elegance to bully, belittle and badger the Government into a policy change.

"Her triumph has meant that those brave Nepalese soldiers who have fought for

Britain across the globe, and who retired before 1997, will now be entitled to live here, along with their families."



**TREASURE: Actress Joanna Lumley**

The main UK base for the Gurkhas is Shorncliffe near Folkestone and there are some engineers from the regiment station in Maidstone. The 2nd Gurkha Rifles served in Afghanistan last year and the 1st battalion are due to be deployed to the combat zone.

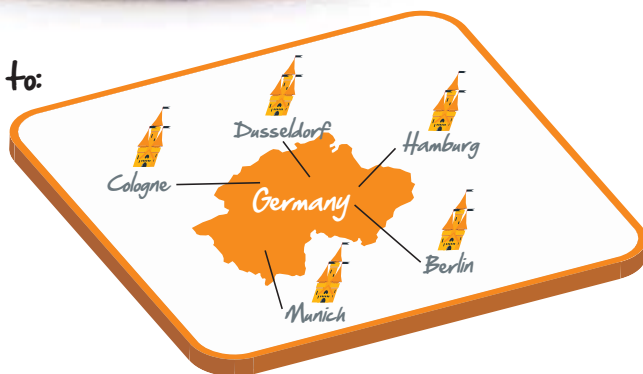
Last month the star sent "a blizzard of kisses" to Kent on Sunday and its readers for supporting her campaign.

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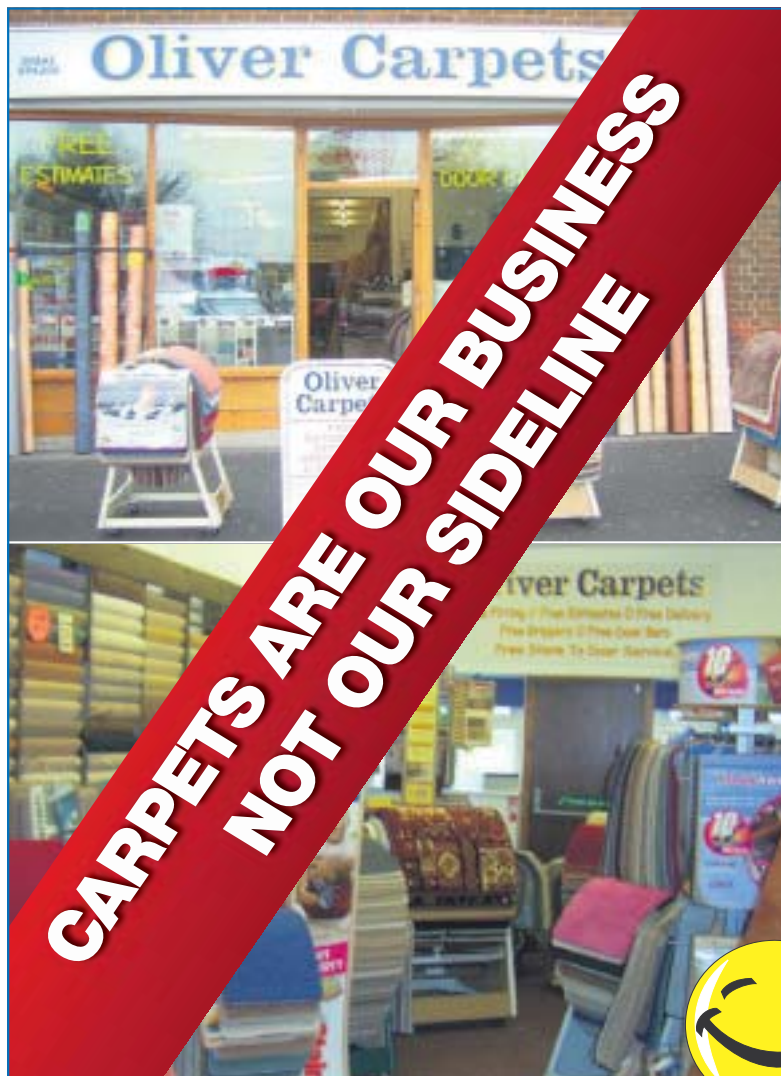


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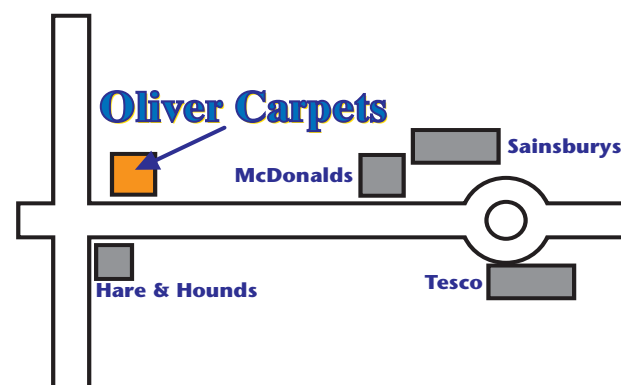


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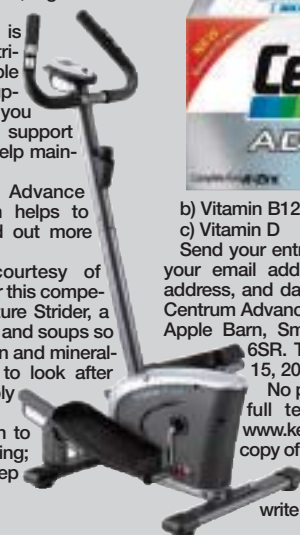


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By **STEVE KNIGHT**

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A DEEP-SEA diver has written a new book exploring the prominent role Kent played in the history of the pastime.

Dr John Bevan's Another Whitstable Trade reveals how the popular coastal town was the birthplace of the diving helmet, which helped revolutionise the salvage industry in the early 19th century and spawned a leisure activity still enjoyed by millions of people worldwide.

The invention gave Whitstable a century-long monopoly on the exploration of sunken ships, until knowledge of the technology behind it eventually leaked out and spread from country to country.

Dr Bevan – chairman of the Historical Diving Society – revealed that even life-sup-

# Tales from the deep

## Author goes to new depths to relive town's diving history

port systems worn by astronauts can be traced back to the original diving helmet.

He said: "It's a long-forgotten fact that Whitstable was where diving was invented, and for 100 years the town had a monopoly on the trade. If anyone wanted to hire a diver, that's where they would have to go to find one."

"Brothers John and Charles Deane came up with the diving helmet and they first used it in 1829 to salvage an East Indiaman ship sunk off the coast of the Isle of Wight."

"The insurance firm Lloyds of London sent them down there to recover as much as possi-

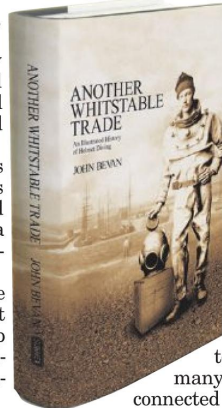
ble before it was smashed to pieces, and they were very successful."

"The diving industry eventually outgrew Whitstable so Liverpool became the next real place for it until it spread all over the country and then around the world."

Legendary Kentish author Charles Dickens first referred to diving as "another Whitstable trade" – second to its famous oyster industry – in a book about the town that was published in 1859.

Dr Bevan borrowed the description for his most recent publication, which is the follow-up to *The Infernal Diver* – the definitive reference book on the invention of the diving helmet.

A former research scientist for the Ministry of Defence, Dr Bevan has been involved in diving his entire life and now acts as a consultant for diving accidents in litigation cases.



In 1970 he broke the saturation chamber dive world record when he and a colleague reached a depth of 1500ft.

Dr Bevan said: "I just love the adventure of diving. It's like going into another world with completely different forms of animal life, and it's really exciting."

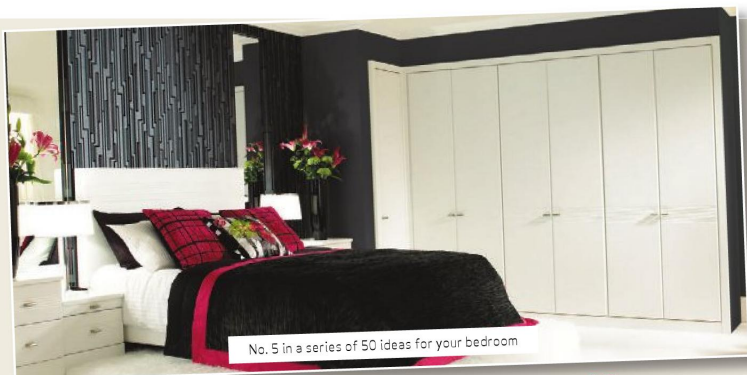
"You just get hooked on the weightlessness and on all the things you can see and find, and for me it's the equivalent of space travel."

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## Gemma in second term at St Trinian's

KENT actress Gemma Arterton has hit the big screen again with the release of the new St Trinian's film.

The 23-year-old, who attended Gravesend Grammar School for Girls before studying performing arts at North West Kent College in Dartford, returns as feisty Kelly Jones alongside Girls Aloud star Sarah Harding and Doctor Who pin-up David Tennant, who plays the villainous Pomfrey.

The sequel, *The Legend of Fritton's Gold*, sees a new start of term and a roller-coaster style treasure hunt.

Arterton made her film debut in the 2007 film *St Trinian's* and this was followed by her appearance as Bond girl Strawberry Fields in the 2008 Bond film, *Quantum of Solace*.



## Canoe in oar-inspiring display

A RARE canoe is to return to Maidstone Museum after nearly two years of restoration work.

The canoe, which left the museum in June, 2008, will go on display when the East Wing extension work is completed.

The restoration included cleaning, strengthening, and repairing the craft for its new display.

The canoe is from the Solomon Islands and was collected by Julius Lucius Brenchley in August, 1865.

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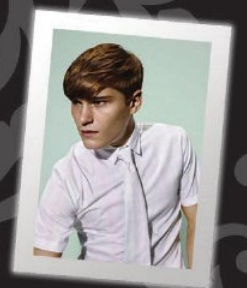
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COMPUTER-programmed drugs that know when and where to start working could become a reality, thanks to pioneering research at the University of Kent.

Thanks to work carried out by Dr Dominique Chu and his PhD student Radu Zabet, scientists now have a greater understanding of the speed at which tiny biological computers can carry out calculations inside living cells.

Dr Chu told KOS Media that his findings could help aid the creation of intelligent drugs within the next decade.

He said: "Desktop computers use certain components to carry out calculations, but with molecular computing you do not necessarily have to use electronic devices. One possibility is using genes to carry out the same sort of calculations, but on a much smaller scale.

"We obviously wouldn't use these types of computers to run Word or Windows, but we can use them to perform other tasks that could have huge potential benefits for the future. One would be in the area of drug delivery.

"For example, at the moment cancer drugs are not very specific and go through the body killing cells off all over the place. We want a drug that can intelligently seek out any cancer cells, go to them and release its chemicals there.

"In terms of building these types of computers, we are very close."

Dr Chu's paper, which has been published by the Journal of the Royal Society Interface, explores the fundamental limits molecular computers are subject to.

His work concludes that the speed of such devices is affected by their metabolic rate or their ability to process energy, but that the reliability of a computation can be increased by investing more energy through, for instance, food sources.

The paper could lead to advancements in medicine only previously thought possible in science fiction films such as the 1987 blockbuster Innerspace and its 1966 predecessor Fantastic Voyage.

Dr Chu said: "Our results are potentially of high theoretical and practical importance. They will allow people to design molecular computers and better understand what they are doing, rather than blindly constructing them through luck.

# 'Intelligent' drugs just few years off, says top scientist

"Most people think of organisms in the body as gooey things that have nothing to do with computers, but that is quite wrong. They are actually quite fantastic and capable of performing some amazing

things. Much work remains to be done to fully understand the implications for the field of molecular computing, but also for our understanding of design principles of the living world."



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# Winter death statistics make chilling reading

By JENNY ARMSTRONG

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WINTER deaths last year were up by nearly 50 per cent on the year before, according to new figures from the Office for National Statistics.

The number of excess winter deaths in the December to March 2008-9 is the highest since the 1999-2000 winter.

And new figures show that in the 2007-08 winter months, 300 extra people died in the east Kent.

Most of the unnecessary deaths, calculated as the number of extra deaths in the winter months compared to the average for other non-winter months, were of people over the age of 85.

The Canterbury district fared the worst by far in the county, with 130 extra deaths. This is more than 26 per cent excess winter mortality.

Thanet also fared badly with 70 excess deaths, but Ashford and Shepway had 30 more deaths each.

Dover and Swale saw out the winter with the least extra deaths, at 20 each. This translates as just over four per cent more people dying than average.

Health bosses have urged people to make sure their homes are warm, despite the recession and expensive heating bills.

Children, the elderly, people with disabilities and those with long-term health conditions are the most at risk, but NHS

directors say keeping warm makes sure people are more likely to be able to fight off bus like seasonal flu and swine flu.

Andrew Scott-Clark, deputy director of public health at the Eastern and Coastal Kent Primary Care Trust, said: "We are more likely to feel the chill in winter and being cold lowers our immune system, making it more difficult for us to fight off bugs."

"Every year, 8,000 people die from seasonal flu in England and Wales. In winter the virus that causes flu lives longer in the cold and dry air."

"The flu doesn't like hot weather as much as it likes the cold days of winter."

"When it is cold outside, the flu virus finds it much easier to spread and can live for longer on surfaces."

"If you are struggling to pay for extra heating costs you may be eligible for a range of benefits that can help you heat your home."

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The NHS recommends everyone stays warm this winter by trying to get help they may be entitled to. Grant schemes include Warm Front, cold weather payments, National Energy Action, home improvement agencies and local council grants.

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# Parents praise school counselling 'lifeline'

PARENTS struggling to cope with depression are being offered free counselling through schools, *writes Marijke Cox.*

The scheme is being run by national charity The Place2Be which aims to improve the emotional wellbeing of families, focusing particularly on deprived areas.

It allows parents to discuss problems in confidence with trained counsellors, or take part in group work to share their concerns.

Medway is one of 17 regions in the country picked out to offer the Place for Parents service through some primary schools, and many using it have referred to it as their "lifeline".

One parent from Medway, who asked not to be named, admitted that without the counselling she might not be here today.

### Suicidal

"I was practically suicidal," she said. "Without the sessions I wouldn't have been able to get through. I had no local family support and no close friends I could turn to."

"The dedication, practical advice and emotional support helped pull me through the most traumatic times of my life."

Place for Parents is part of a wider programme which supports school communities by working with teachers, children and their families.

Trained counsellors visit the schools each week and according to Colleen Howard, regional manager and former Medway hub manager at the charity, the Kent scheme has been a huge success. The charity works with 10 primary schools in the area and is funded by Medway Council and the schools.

Ms Howard said: "For many parents this is the only opportunity they have to sit down and actually feel somebody is listening and trying to help them. They can look at what's stopping them coping and what's getting in the way of them being happy, while looking at ways of making things better."

"Some parents prefer not to go to a school where their children attend; they can go to any school running the scheme. We have fathers as well as mothers going through the counselling and the attendance rate is extremely high, about 85 per cent."

Ms Howard said many of the parents are suffering depression or dealing with issues such as bereavement or family break-ups.

"Sue Inkpen is the parent worker for Medway and she goes to schools four times a week," she said. "The sessions are confidential, but the organisation is very open about what it is doing to try to help parents."

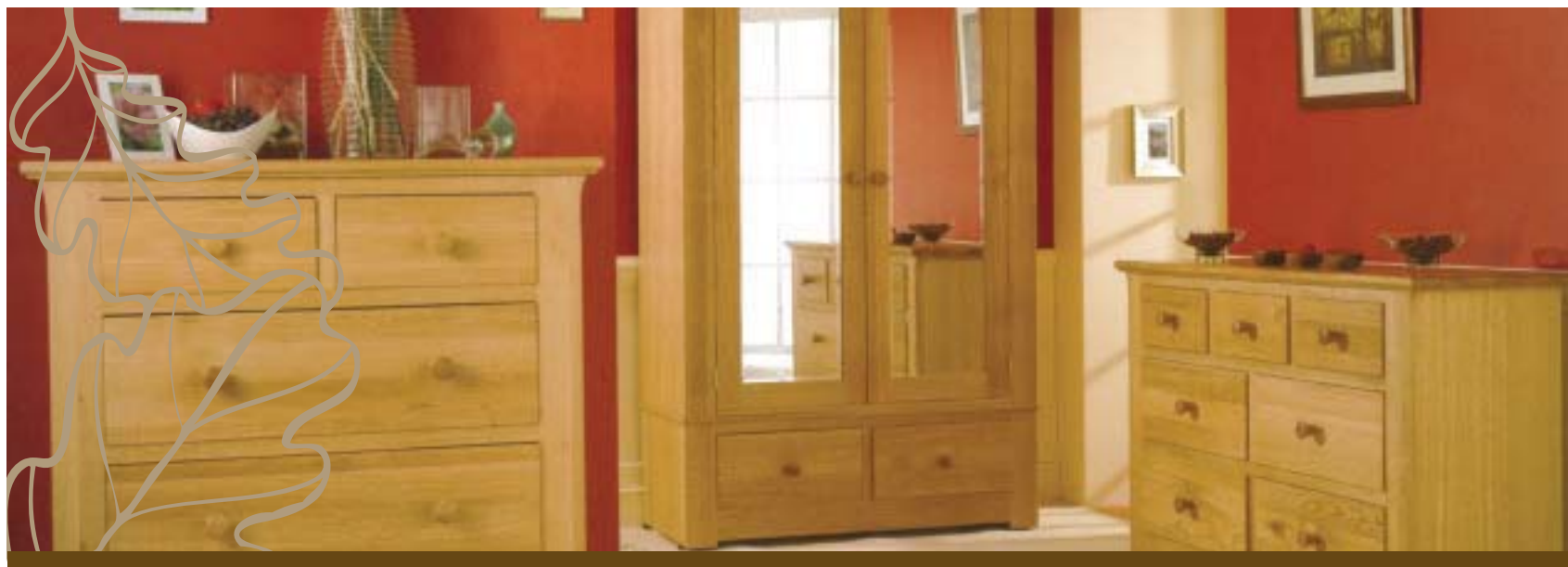
Another mother who uses the Place for Parents scheme said it has helped her whole family move forward.

She told KoS: "The counselling helped me build a more positive relationship with my children," she said. "The sessions were a lifeline when I was confused and in despair."

Matthew Audley, Place2Be parenting development manager, said: "Place2Be gives children the chance to talk about their problems and A Place for Parents offers that for their mother or father or both," he said.

"It's been extremely successful and The Times newspaper even chosen us for its Christmas appeal. It's great that the work the charity is doing is being recognised."

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# Disturbing result shows we're not so sound asleep

By **MARIJKE COX**

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**HEAVY** rain and noisy partygoers are being blamed for depriving people of a good night's sleep.

A study carried out by psychologists found that more than 13 per cent of Kent residents get woken up every night, with only 18 per cent never being disturbed.

Research consultants MindLab International Ltd, which specialises in measuring human responses, conducted the research to find out how well people in the county sleep.

Scientific tests looking at brain activity revealed that men are more likely to be woken up by the sound of a buzzing fly or howling winds than by a crying baby.

It also showed that 55 per cent of people who have trouble sleeping blame it on heavy rain. Noisy pubs and late-night revellers are blamed by 13 per cent of people.

Psychologist Dr David Lewis PhD, head of research at MindLab International, said there is nothing more likely to leave people feeling drained than disturbed sleep. He said: "Especially when this is over several nights.

"As the study shows, while some sounds, for instance your partner coughing or snoring beside you, disturb men and women equally, other noises such as a howling wind disturb men more than women.

"They are more likely to be disturbed

by a crying baby or a rowdy pub crowd.

"These differing sensitivities may represent evolutionary differences that make women sensitive to sounds associated with a potential threat to their children, while men are more tuned to disturbances posing a possible threat to the whole family."

The study also found that out of those people who wake up on a regular basis at night, 21 per cent rarely return to sleep.

Researchers said this causes the immune system to be lowered therefore making people more susceptible to falling ill, subsequently keeping them up at night again.



**TIRED:** A lack of sleep is making us ill

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# Sun is rising on a new era



**AN OPTIMISTIC OUTLOOK:** Let's hope the next 10 years are brighter

SO, here we are then 2010 – not only a New Year but the start of a new decade, too.

I for one will be keeping my fingers firmly crossed and praying it's not a replica of the last 10 years.

Despite our optimism and high expectations, as we watched the Queen officially open the Millennium Dome on the dawn of 2000, those positive feelings have sadly diminished into a dim and distant memory.

The first decade of the 21st century was filled with many life-changing and some devastating events. There is no ignoring the era which began with attacks in New York on September 11, 2001, or those in London on July 7, 2005, nor the Indonesia tsunami and the Iraq and Afghanistan wars.

Maybe, there were warning signs in place from the off. The showcase of the new decade was the Dome – hit by a criminal gang which raided it in an attempt to steal the Millennium Star.

Maybe it was the decade of the demonstration. We, the general public appeared to speak with our feet; protest was a keyword, including fuel protests, with refinery blockades and supplies halted to petrol stations.

In 2002, more than two million people took to the streets of London demonstrating against the Iraq war, the largest protest in British history. And who can forget Tony Blair's hostile reception during his Women's Institute speech, when he was heckled and slow hand-clapped by furious members.

However, it certainly couldn't be described as the healthiest of times. We saw epidemic after epidemic hit the headlines.

Avian flu, legionnaires' disease, foot and mouth and, of course, swine flu, it's a miracle we haven't become a generation of hypochondriacs.

There's no doubt though that the 'noughties' was the era of the digital revolution – bombarded by new media; iPods, Facebook, digital

cameras, internet shopping, Google and Wikipedia, the technological possibilities were endless.

Notably, the past 10 years have been the warmest in recorded history according to the Met Office. Figures released at the UN climate talks in Copenhagen show the 'noughties' has been the warmest decade recorded in 160 years.

Finances have not only been one of the most high profile but also worrying focuses of this time; with bank charges, the £5 gallon of petrol, London congestion charge, MPs' expenses, bank collapses and, dare I mention, bonuses?

We should definitely not overlook however, some of the most spectacular British sporting moments, including the 2003 Rugby

World Cup victory, winning The Ashes (twice), the achievements at the Sydney, Athens and Beijing Olympics, to name a few.

We did, though, wave goodbye to Concorde, Brookside, the Millennium Dome, George Bush, Big Brother, and Tony Blair.

But there are some famous names synonymous across those years. Barack Obama, 'Freddie' Flintoff, Ann Widdecombe, Jeffrey Archer, Wayne Rooney, Madonna, Take That, Kelly Holmes, Michael Jackson and of course, Dirty Den...

Let's hope 2010 heralds a new era, and, whatever the outcome, we embrace it, and may I wish you a very happy and prosperous New Year.

Here's to the next 10 at least.

Cheers!

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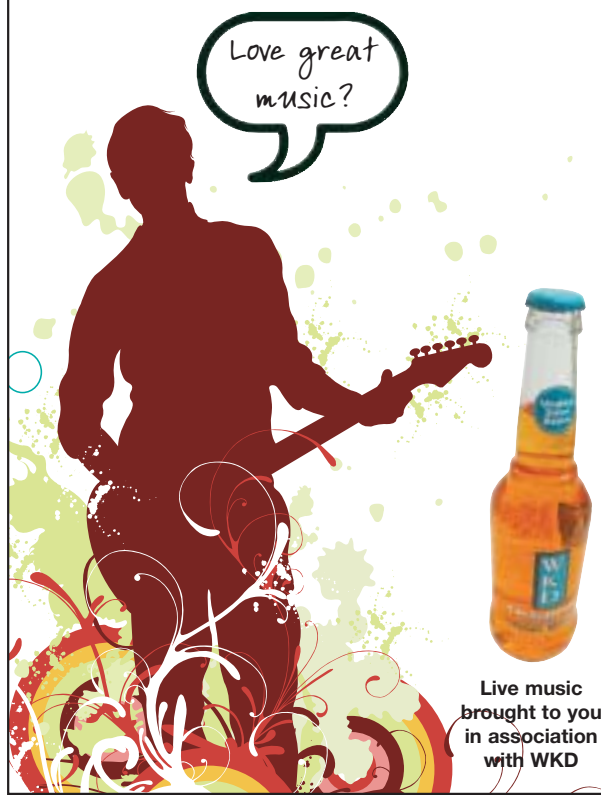
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# Family aid vital to adult care services

By **JILL HURST**

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AN APPEAL has been launched to find carers for vulnerable adults who want to live in the community.

Run by Kent County Council, the adult placement service is seeking carers who are willing to open their homes to disabled adults, older people or those with learning difficulties.

A KCC spokesman said: "Working as a carer for adults means you can make a huge difference to a vulnerable person who needs help with some aspect of their lives.

"It may be they cannot read or write very well, count their change when shopping, manage their medications or have communication problems.

"It is rewarding for everyone and if you have room for one more this year I'd urge you to get in touch and find out more."

Yvonne Humphrey has worked for the adult placement service for more than 20 years. She started offering a care service in her home after working at a residential facility.

The 71-year-old said: "It's a responsible job and you need a high level of tolerance, but it is very rewarding.

"Some people come to me on respite care for just a few weeks while others stay a long time. I've had a lady with learning difficulties stay with me for more than 14 years and she is 64 now."

KCC said carers will receive comprehensive training



**PART OF THE FAMILY:** Donna Melody, husband Dayle and children Lauren and Callum, look after Andrew, 55, who has Down's syndrome and learning difficulties

including health and safety, drug management, manual handling and first aid.

Donna Melody has cared for Andrew, 55, who has Down's syndrome and learning difficulties, for 18 months. Andrew now shares Mrs Melody's family home together with her husband Dayle and their two children, Lauren, 14, and Callum, 11.

Mrs Melody said: "I deal with almost every aspect of Andrew's care including his personal hygiene, getting him to the doctors, driving him to a day centre and making sure he eats the right food.

"He had been looked after all his life by his mother and father, but sadly they passed away and he needed somewhere to go.

"Without the adult placement service he may have ended up in a residential home and he wasn't used to that environment.

"KCC use a rigorous matching and visiting process so we were all comfortable with the situation before he moved in."

Mrs Melody said Andrew is now such a part of the furniture that he went on holiday with them to Lanzarote last year.

"A lot of people might find what I do quite daunting, but I don't. We are a homey lot and Andrew is like one of the family now."

• **For more information on the adult placement scheme visit the adult social services section at [www.kent.gov.uk](http://www.kent.gov.uk) or telephone 08458 247905.**



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# KENT ON SUNDAY

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## A vital donation

WHEN you're shovelling snow off your driveway and wondering how on earth you're going to get to work, the last thing on most people's minds is the National Blood Service.

But just as last month's cold snap sparked chaos on Kent's road and rail network, so too has it led to a shortage of the most vital of medical supplies.

And while there is never a good time for blood stocks to run low, the increased risk of accidents occurring on icy roads means it is absolutely essential supplies are replaced.

Nobody knows when they might need a blood transfusion, but it is a possibility for us all and one that must be taken seriously.

Therefore, at a time of year when we promote goodwill to all men and women, perhaps we should perform the selfless task of giving blood.

You may never see what happens to it after you have left, nor receive a thank you from the person who benefits. But rest assured it will go to a good cause and potentially mean the difference between life and death.

Visit [www.blood.co.uk](http://www.blood.co.uk) for more information on how you can help.

## £3.7m ticket hunt

THE owner of an unclaimed winning lottery ticket is currently unaware that he or she is now £3.7 million richer.

Either that or they are turning their house – and every other house they have visited recently – upside down in a frantic search for the most expensive piece of paper they've ever purchased.

We'll be keeping our fingers crossed that the ticket turns up soon.

## OPINION:

## Remember those in peril...

### The Archdeacon of Canterbury, The Venerable Sheila Watson, asks us to take pride in and give thanks for our coastal heritage



ONE of the joys of living in Kent is the closeness to the sea.

But while the coast around Kent can bring joy, it also presents us with challenges.

During the last 12 months, communities in our seaside towns, which shockingly include some of the most deprived localities in England, have been hit hard by the recession.

At sea, our seafarers have not only battled against the impact of the economic downturn, but also a substantial increase in piracy.

As we steer into the waters of 2010, it is time to improve conditions for those who live in our coastal towns and those who work on the waves.

The sea is always a powerful presence in our lives – summer or winter I find it magical.

The White Cliffs offer historic memories – topped only by the Blessing of the Sea on January 10 at Margate. This colourful annual event of the Greek Orthodox Church joins representatives from Greece and Cyprus with dignitaries from Kent. Led in procession to the Marine Sands, they watch a brave swimmer plunge into the icy waters to retrieve the cross, commemorating the baptism of Jesus in the river Jordan.

The Danish writer Søren Kierkegaard captures some of the emotions the sea stirs up.

After walking along a secluded seashore, he wrote in his journal:

"As I stood alone and forsaken the power of the sea and the battle of the elements reminded me of my own nothingness, and on the other hand the sure flight of the birds recalled the words spoken by Christ, 'Not a sparrow shall fall to the ground without your father (knowing it)'. Then all at once I felt how great and small I was: then did those two mighty forces pride and humility happily unite in friendship."

For the sea conjures up both pride and humility.

As an island nation we depend on seafarers for more than 95 per cent of our daily goods and services. These come at considerable cost for the world's 1.5 million seafarers. Christmas and New Year put a special edge on the loneliness and isolation – the human price for our supplies.

Like most of us, I suspect, this would have passed me by had I not become involved with the charity Mission to Seafarers – who provide care and friendship for seafarers of all nationalities and faiths around the world. It is disheartening enough for seafarers that we don't always think

about whom to thank for the bananas in the shops or petrol in our cars. Rather worse are the hazards endured, from piracy to abandoned vessels and crews.

By late October, 2009, reports showed an unprecedented rise in Somali pirate activity.

Global figures easily surpassed those of 2008, when 49 vessels were hijacked and 889 crew taken hostage. The International Maritime Employers Federation chairman Ian Sherwood highlights the need for "direct intervention from national governments through co-ordination and co-operation on an international scale".

The economic downturn also has its impact – not just on employment. Some vessels are being laid up or abandoned, leaving crews without contact from the owner and without wages and supplies. Add to that our ever-increasing security concerns making it difficult for seafarers to be allowed on shore. It all gives a new meaning to the old hymn For Those In Peril On The Sea. No wonder the International Maritime Organisation has declared 2010 to be the Year of the Seafarer.

Locally it is great to see initiatives such as the ferry port expansion in Dover, the new Turner Gallery at Margate, and plans for the seafront Creative Quarter in Folkestone.

At the same time there is that uncomfortable fact our seaside towns currently contain some of the most deprived localities in England. This makes the vision in East Kent for fairer, stronger and healthier communities ever more important. It is no good leaving it to someone else to tackle. The problems are complex and need the concerted effort and co-operation between public agencies, voluntary bodies with community involvement from the outset.

In 2010, let's take pride in our coastal heritage and life in Kent. Let's have the humility to see what needs to be changed for the better. And let's spare a prayer for those at sea both far and near.

We might then become the lucky people in whom those two mighty forces pride and humility happily unite in friendship.

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## We're on the right path

I would like to thank everyone who has helped the White Cliffs Countryside Project in 2009. It has been a good year with hundreds of local volunteers contributing more than 1,800 days during the year, helping improve the environment and footpaths.

The enthusiastic assistance of volunteers is much appreciated and makes it possible for us to organise such a large programme of events throughout the year.

We are hoping for an even better year in 2010. If anyone would like to find out about how they can help the local environment, or would simply like to get some exercise, then the WCCP will be continuing regular events throughout the year. You can obtain further information by calling 01304 241806. Happy New Year from WCCP staff and volunteers.

*Kirk Alexander, project manager, WCCP*

## Oddball Lib Dem party

At a recent Bromley council meeting the Labour group put forward a small scheme to allow communities to have more say in how some of their council tax was spent.

We proposed a small amount of money each year should be allocated to each of the wards in the borough. Councillors could then call a ward assembly to decide how this should be spent on local priorities.

We thought this was an interesting idea that would appeal to residents. It works well in neighbouring boroughs. Sometimes local people decide parks or play equipment are a priority, or activities for young people or supporting a group for the elderly, or money could be devoted to a scheme such as making a high street more attractive.

The money could come from an existing fund and it doesn't have to be large. It could be as little as £10,000 per three-councillor ward. In some boroughs it is as much as £50,000, allowing for more ambitious projects. Ward assemblies organised in this way

## Out of touch on sea safety

Tory claims that the English Channel emergency service is at risk from the scrapping of Air Sea Rescue aircraft at Manston are complete nonsense.

The claims were made by Julian Brazier, the Canterbury and Whitstable MP and shadow shipping minister, after he was approached by Laura Sandys, the Tory candidate for South Thanet.

He wrote to the shipping minister: "I have been contacted by Laura Sandys ... regarding the scrapping of Air Sea Rescue from Manston. I share Laura's concern and know it will be echoed by a great many residents."

Mr Brazier and Ms Sandys are hopelessly confused. This is Tory scaremongering at its worst. Rescue helicopters have not been based at Manston for many years: they are at RAF Wattisham.

There is a fixed-wing aircraft based at Manston that is used to monitor international regulations for prevention of collisions at sea. It takes pictures of ships which can be used in the prosecution of unsafe captains.

It is to be replaced by a faster aircraft

based at the owning company's HQ in Coventry but it is not involved in rescue work. Claims by Mr Brazier and Ms Sandys that the aircraft has an emergency rescue role are bogus. It can, in unusual circumstances, be called on to see if the crew can spot someone missing at sea, but it is not in its protocol to do this and it has never thrown a life raft to someone in trouble, as has been claimed – to do so would be like having a missile thrown at you at 150mph.

A simple call to the Maritime Coastguard Agency would have told the Tories the proposals have no impact on safety at sea or rescue. Instead they chose to frighten people because an election is coming.

This is not the first time Ms Sandys has got transport policies confused. A couple of years ago she was telling people the Government had plans to allow 60-tonne lorries on the roads.

In fact, it was the Tory transport spokesman at the time who had proposed the idea and Labour blocked it.

*Dr Stephen Ladyman, South Thanet MP, House of Commons*

allow more people to have a direct say on how their council tax is spent, to be more closely involved in decision-making and to play a part in civic proceedings.

We already knew the majority Tory group was against such a scheme; the leader of the council had made his opposition clear. What surprised us is that once again the Liberal

Democrats decided to align themselves with the Tories. We had thought a party which claims to support localism would be in favour.

Sometimes it is just so difficult to understand what this rag-tag and bobtail group really believe in – if anything.

*Cllr John Getgood, Labour group leader, Bromley Council*

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## Far too much hot air

I was surprised to see an interview with Richard Knox-Johnson in your newspaper because his views are so out of date.

Does anyone believe this global warming nonsense any more? He speaks vaguely of scientists who claim all these things, but these are presumably the ones whose discoveries are limited to seeing how an increase in the amount of belief in climate change leads to a proportional increase in funding.

Who pays Mr Knox-Johnson to propagate such drivel? You and me probably. Despite the hot-air produced in his imagination, people are not likely to give up centuries of progress so we can knit our own yoghurt in cold and darkness.

The establishment reasons it is cheaper to bribe a few 'scientists' to fake frightening data as a cheaper option than replacing the 40 per cent of generating capacity we shall lose in five years' time, or maintaining proper sea defences.

*Quentin Williamson, Dartford*

## Predators and prey

I am writing to thank the thousands who have put their names to the RSPB's call to stop the killing of birds of prey. They are among the most spectacular of our wild inhabitants, yet every year many are deliberately shot or poisoned or trapped; nests, eggs and chicks are destroyed. Why? Some feel birds of prey affect on their livelihoods, yet this fear is often exaggerated or misplaced. Sometimes there is a genuine conflict, but there are other ways to deal with this. Killing birds of prey is, after all, illegal.

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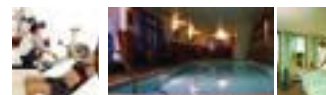
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By **JULES SERKIN**

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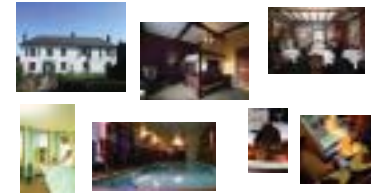
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## REVIEW

BY CLARE GRANT

FOR many people, a blank diary is the cue to begin a new and improved life, and they use that first page to note down a set of resolutions to improve their lot.

It's all very well to make a resolution – the trick is to keep it. For life coach Katie Skinner, the knack is in the resolution itself.

She says: "I think most people know what areas of their lives could do with improvement, but sometimes it's harder to know the best change to make. It doesn't have to be a huge thing, sometimes small changes have lots of follow-on effects."

Miss Skinner, who is based in Tunbridge Wells, suggests wording resolutions carefully: "Make them positive (I will exercise twice a week) rather than negative (I won't eat 12 cream cakes with my tea)."

"Whatever you choose to do, try to make your goal SMART: Specific, Measurable (so you know exactly what you have to do to achieve it), Attractive (to make you more likely to keep trying), Realistic and Time-bound – so you have a deadline."

Health and fitness trainer Ruth Malone works along the same lines when helping clients plan their new regime. "Try and set a goal you can measure. If you don't do this, you won't know when you've achieved your goal and you may lose motivation if you can't measure progress. A good example is 'I'm going to lose two stone by the end of May' and a bad example is 'I'm going to get fitter'."

Ruth, who is based in Bells Yew Green, recommends choosing a goal with benefits you believe in. "If you're getting fit to follow the crowd and you don't buy into the benefits yourself, you're much less likely to stick with it when things get tough. However, if you have a clear idea of the benefits you'll achieve (for example, I'm reducing my risk of heart disease because I want to be there for my children) you're much more likely to be motivated to continue."

If the influx of new possessions has prompted you to be tidier, de-cluttering could be in order. Staplehurst interior designer Esther Bauer believes there are a few habits to acquire if you want to culti-

vate serenity in the home. She said: "It's about discipline. A bit of time every day to put things back and tidy up after yourself."

But she doesn't believe you should do all the hard work: "Make the children responsible for their own bedrooms. Perhaps try to instil a little pride in making their bed in the morning and trying to keep their rooms tidy."

She also advises tackling a disorganised house room by room: "Sort through belongings, deciding what to keep and what to discard. Try to be ruthless as I think that's the only way to be successful. Things you've not used for two years, you probably don't need."

On the subject of clutter, the Citizens Advice Bureau has a motto for the profligate sales shopper: "Today's bargain is tomorrow's clutter," warns Pi Townsend of

Tunbridge Wells CAB. "And 20 per cent off is still 80 per cent on."

The bureau, which is known for helping those in debt, has some advice for those hoping to avoid that situation by starting 2010 with financial panache. One tip is to use standing orders to meet regular outgoings.

The bureau also suggests putting a little away for a rainy day. "Try to save every month, especially for planned spending like holidays and Christmas. Set up a standing order to a savings account. You will be surprised how quickly you forget you are saving."

And for those who've tried and failed, there is hope. Katie Skinner suggests a new approach: "Come at the same goal from a different angle. Don't make resolutions a punishment, make them fun and exciting."

Ruth Malone is a great believer in being kind to yourself: "Try not to see your progress as all-or-nothing, but celebrate each bit of progress you make."

It almost sounds easy, doesn't it?

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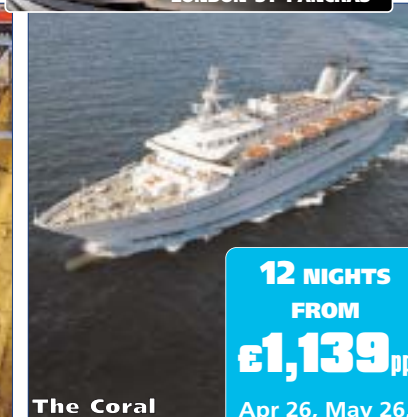
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BY TOM BETTS

I DON'T think it would be unfair to say Herne Bay is not really one of Kent's dining hotspots.

I wouldn't change the town for the world, it's where I grew up and I want it to stay just the way it is, but compared to its close neighbour Whitstable, which has an embarrassment of culinary riches, the Bay is a little behind.

Admittedly, there are a couple of obvious haunts to try, but once you have visited them, the options are slim.

Still, I'd never been to the seafront restaurant Le Petit Poisson, just next to the pier, so I braved the bitterness of winter nights to see what it had to offer.

As you would expect from a place so near the sea, the menu is dominated by fish.

It could hardly be any closer to the shoreline, in fact the restaurant is situated in the middle of the promenade area.

The place was half full, and my fellow diner looked a little apprehensive, but that was down to the brisk icy wind that had chilled us.

After we were seated and a glass or two of the always quaffable Italian red Valpolicella (£14.95) had been dispatched, I decided to embrace my inner seafarer with gusto and

plumped for three oysters grilled with tarragon, garlic and Parmesan (£1.25 each).

My only previous experience of the daunting molluscs was in their tip-down-your-neck form in Whitstable last year and I can't say it was something I had enjoyed too much.

However, the adding of heat to the shell-dwellers is a very good thing, and chewing on them made for a truly tasty treat that I would certainly try again.

I was surprised how well the Parmesan worked with the dish, as cheese and fish is a bit of a no-no in my eyes.

My companion plumped for the hot home cured salmon with beetroot salad (£5.95) to begin. It was eaten quickly, and she called it "excellent and very well presented".

After a few more glasses of wine, I chose the panfried halibut, with a poached oyster, cream and smoked bacon (£13.95).

It was a delight from start to finish, and filling, too. Not only was the fish cooked to a T, but not a single niggly bone annoyed me.

My partner decided on the cod fillet baked in cep powder and butternut squash sauce (£13.25). The presentation of this dish was especially noteworthy, the white fish bathed in a vivid orange sauce was met with real appreciation. Although she remarked that it "wasn't quite as good as

the starter" not a spoonful was left, which is a good sign.

We each enjoyed the sticky toffee pudding with pecan parfait and butterscotch (£4.75) for dessert, which was a necessary hit of comfort food for the cold evening.

It was well executed and there seemed to be a hint of whiskey in there somewhere, which was a real compliment to the toffee.

All in all I recommend this little place. The welcome is warm and the food even better.

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The famously unlucky play has been transformed into a show that young children can relate to, weaving famous lines from the original texts into modern language which even primary school children can understand.

Songs and dances are also used to keep the action moving along, while the creepy witches

and their spells will fire up the audiences' imaginations.

With bloody battles and gruesome ghosts to look forward to, the show is sure to captivate audiences of all ages.

Macbeth tells the story of an aspiring king driven to murder by the prophecies of witches, and his wife's ambition. But can Macbeth really live with the crimes he has committed or will justice prevail?

The show can be seen at the Leas Cliff Hall at 10.30am and 1.30pm on Monday, January 18. To book tickets call the box office on 0844 847 1776 or visit [www.leascliffhall.org.uk](http://www.leascliffhall.org.uk).

For more information visit [www.shakespeare4kidz.com](http://www.shakespeare4kidz.com).

## Show takes that



**JOIN** a group of young hopefuls as they seek fame and fortune in the hit musical, *Never Forget*.

Centring on the exploits of five young men who long to become popstars, the show features the songs of phenomenally successful boy band, Take That. This uplifting production is a feelgood experience celebrating music, friendship and the pursuit of dreams.

The production visits Dartford direct from London's West End and will not only delight Take That fans, but anyone who enjoys a vibrant musical with great songs and eye-popping dance routines.

Television heartthrob Philip

Olivier, who made his name in Channel 4 soap *Brookside* and also appeared in *Hollyoaks* in the City, leads the cast and belts out the tunes that made Take That a formidable chart force.

When Ash and his friends enter a talent competition, they embark on a rollercoaster journey to become a tribute band, hoping to achieve fame and fortune. But when the realities of stardom start to affect their lives, can friendship survive?

*Never Forget* runs at the Orchard Theatre from Tuesday to Saturday, January 12-16. Tickets start at £15 and concessions are available. To book call the box office on 01322 220000 or visit [www.orchardtheatre.co.uk](http://www.orchardtheatre.co.uk).



## It's time to feel good

SEE two film legends in action when Chatham's Central Theatre hosts the latest in its Screen Classics season.

For anyone who has still not had enough of the festive season, Bing Crosby and Rosemary Clooney star in the 1954 film, *White Christmas*. Widely considered one of the greatest feel-good movies of all time, it features the songs of Irving Berlin and has become a festive favourite for many film fans.

The famous title song did not make its debut in this film, however – it was first used in the 1942 movie, *Holiday Inn*.

Crosby plays Bob, an ex-soldier who has joined forces with his old army pal Phil and taken Broadway by storm. Their song and dance shows have made

them the toast of the Great White Way and the future looks bright for the two entertainers.

Life gets even better when they meet a couple of girls, Judy and Betty, played by Clooney.

Love looks set to blossom but when Bob and Phil try to help an old army friend, their efforts are misunderstood and Betty leaves. Can the boys solve their friend's problem, yet still bring Bob and Betty back together before Christmas Day?

The film can be seen at the Central Theatre at 2.30pm and 7.30pm on Tuesday, January 12. Tickets are £6 from the box office, £5 online and £3.50 for students. Book for four Screen Classics and get a fifth free. Call 01634 338338 or see [www.medway.gov.uk/theatrebooking](http://www.medway.gov.uk/theatrebooking).



## Experience the X Factor

THREE years on from his high-profile television debut, Ben Mills is still showing he has star quality.

After finishing third in *The X Factor*, the Kent singer-songwriter went on to release a highly successful album and has continued to build a strong following. He is an accomplished musician and a talented songwriter and last year both those skills were channelled into creating material for his second album. Mills plays both piano and guitar and fans have the chance to see him perform live in Maidstone this week.

Mills made an immediate impact on the judges when he first auditioned for *The X Factor*, blowing away the notoriously picky Simon Cowell with his rendition of Sam Cooke's hit, *Bring It On Home To Me*.

Since then he has become patron of two local charities – Walk With Michael, in memory of murdered Sittingbourne schoolboy, Michael Chapman, and Miles of Smiles: Kent Kids.

Mills will be performing in the Music Room at Pizza Express in Maidstone at 8pm on Friday. Tickets cost £25. Find out more at [www.pizzaexpresslive.co.uk](http://www.pizzaexpresslive.co.uk).

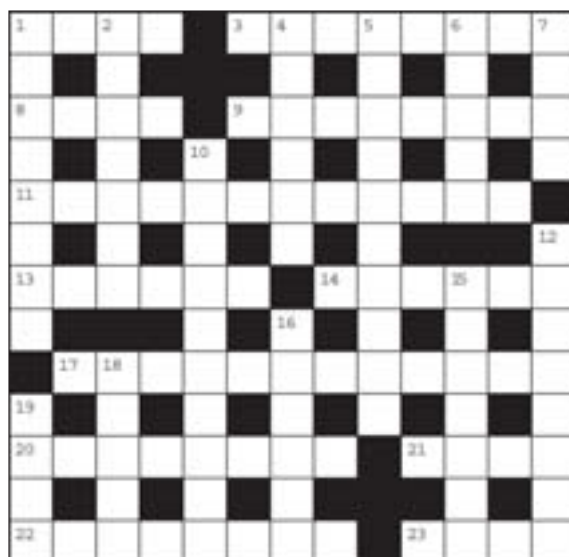
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#### Across

1. Remove dunderhead – he's leaving! (4)
3. He sets 8 (heaps of them?) (8)
8. For once it's the puzzler's answer (4)
9. Wine passed round in instrument (8)
11. Unknown people enter and French disaffection results (12)
13. What the match needs is a stoppage (6)
14. Where to find a steady horse? (6)
17. Apathy during dispute (12)
20. Infuse dutch courage? (8)
21. Shout that the score is 100-100 (4)
22. Gave up the job, being submissive (8)
23. Advance a pound at last (4)

### SCRIBBLE HERE

#### Down

1. Unfold? No – make smaller (8)
2. Gambler's agitation? (7)
4. Please by bursting boil, for example (6)
5. Imperious peer seen about Conservative MP (10)
6. Leonard is at home as Communist leader (5)
7. Tear round at speed (4)
10. Attack on defender in absence the referee wouldn't stand for (4-6)
12. Revoked so sounded the bells again (8)
15. Dressing makes the orchestra older! (7)
16. The secretaries can't skate here! (6)
18. Concludes prognoses on facial projections (5)
19. One rank in a sortie resolves the problem (4)

### QUICK CLUES

#### Across

1. Too (4)
3. Flogging (8)
8. Calm (4)
9. Killer (8)
11. Achieved (12)
13. Embrace (6)
14. Floor covering (6)
17. Peerless (6,2,4)
20. Disturbed (8)
21. Stronghold (4)
22. Scatter (8)
23. Repair (4)

#### Down

1. League (8)
2. Joined together (7)
4. Bustle (6)
5. Devastates (5,5)
6. Result (5)
7. Band of criminals (4)
10. Improve (10)
12. Vouched for (8)
15. Suggest (7)
16. Vipers (6)
18. Goes out (5)
19. Attack (4)

**CRYPTIC SOLUTIONS 367:** Answers will be printed in next week's paper along with the winner's name.  
**QUICK SOLUTIONS 368:** Across: 1 Also; 3 Whipping; 8 Lull; 9 Assassins; 11 Accomplished; 13 Cuddle; 17 Second to none; 20 Agitated; 21 Fort; 22 Disperse; 23 Mend. Down: 1 Alliance; 2 Spiced; 4 Hustle; 5 Plays havoc; 6 Issue; 7 Gang; 10 Ameliorate; 12 Attested; 15 Propose; 16 Advers; 18 Exits; 19 Raid.

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## Home aroma therapy is just common scents

BY CHRIS MURPHY

SOME people make such a stink in getting a home to smell just right with a myriad of perfumes and deodorisers.

Amazingly, fresh smells are right down a new list that has air fresheners as the top smell we want in our homes.

Forget fresh air, washing powder comes next followed by last night's dinner. Nice.

Researchers for retailer Habitat discovered an astonishing 34 per cent thinks the smell of washing powder is better than any other.

Freshly made toast took 22 per cent and perfume was on 17 per cent.

And no wonder some people have so many cats and dogs – the smell of our pet is at number five.

Mark Saunders is the chief executive of Habitat, which quizzed 4,000 homeowners, but you could be forgiven for wondering who these people are.

He said: "Even the small things can make a house a home and this includes certain fragrances. It's interesting to see the effect that smell can have on people's behaviour."

"With many people spending more time at



### FACT FILE

#### Top 10 best smells indoors

- 1 Air freshener
- 2 Washing powder
- 3 Last night's dinner
- 4 Cleaning products
- 5 Pets
- 6 Coffee
- 7 Candles
- 8 Toast
- 9 Perfume/after shave
- 10 Sunday roast



FRESH OUTLOOK: But flowers lose out when it comes to preferred smells around the home

home over the festive period, a warm and comforting smell can really help make a house a home."

Professor Tim Jacob, an expert in the psychology of smell at Cardiff University, said: "Smells make a house a home because of the positive associations being 'home' has."

"Your home is filled with the things you love – your children, partner, perfume, pets – so

when you smell them, you instantly feel better and at ease.

"This is why so many people like fragrances associated with Christmas, as it's a happy time of year."

"People respond well to familiar smells. Scents which are alien make us feel on edge until we've identified the source and assessed that it's not harmful."

## Scheme's 'unbelievable' waste

STOPPING people losing their home when they fall behind with the mortgage was a big worry for the Government – in fact a year ago it launched a scheme to help slow the numbers being repossessed.

But £2.5 million and 12 months later, just 15 people in Britain have been helped and critics are seething.

It is called the Homeowner Mortgage Support Scheme (HMSS) and the cost has been blasted as "unbelievable".

With an average price of the homes coming in at £165,000, it is claimed it would be easier for the Government to simply buy the houses for the people helped.

Shadow housing minister Grant Shapps said: "These figures will be a slap in the face for the 1,000 families who are being repossessed every week."

"It's unbelievable that during the deepest recession since records began the Government is spending millions on a scheme that



PAYING THE PRICE: But the mortgage support scheme has been far too costly, say critics

has been mired in uncertainty and helped just 15 families."

But the Communities and Local

Government Department defended the scheme, saying: "The bulk of the costs set out by the housing minister are one-off set-up costs. They include support across broader work on repossessions policy and not only on the development of HMSS."

"Because of the high levels of forbearance being offered by lenders and low interest rates, fewer people than expected have needed to rely on the scheme to date."

"But with the risk of repossession remaining high throughout next year, HMSS offers an important safety net which may well be needed for more borrowers in the months ahead."

The scheme helps by reducing monthly mortgage payments for up to two years.

The Council of Mortgage Lenders said almost 270,000 people were at least three months in arrears by September 2009, up from 166,000 at the same time a year earlier.

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Three bedroom link detached bungalow. Porch, Lounge/ Diner, Kitchen, three double bedrooms, bathroom and conservatory. Rear garden, garage, central heating and double glazing.

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**Whitfield**

**£249,950**

Modern three bedroom detached house. Two receptions. Utility room. Conservatory. Garage. Further parking. Established gardens. NHBC Warranty.

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**St. Marys Bay**

**£162,500**

Two bedroom semi detached bungalow with lounge overlooking the green at the front. Replaced kitchen and bathroom. Garage en bloc. Double glazing and gas fired central heating.

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**Aylesham**

**£140,000**

Three bed roomed semi detached house. The property comprises of fitted kitchen/diner, lounge, conservatory, landing, bathroom WC, gardens and driveway. double glazing and gas central heating.

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**Folkestone**

**£129,995**

Must view property which will be an ideal first family home, two bedrooms, two reception rooms. Modern fitted kitchen and shower room. 50' approx. rear garden.

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**New Romney**

**£169,995**

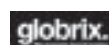
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**Faversham** **£365,000**

Listed Georgian period property. The current owners have enjoyed living in the property since 1964 and can vouch for the strong sense of community within the street, given leadership and influence by the Abbey Street Society.

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**Harbledown** **£205,000**

A delightful two bedroom cottage situated in a popular village with stunning views from rear garden. A must view.

**Canterbury Office**

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**Chilham** **£225,000**

Three Bedroom End of Terrace House. Cul de Sac Location.. Sought after Village of Chilham. Two Receptions.

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**Faversham** **£127,000**

Lounge with separate dining room. Central heating. Rear garden. No chain

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**Sittingbourne** **£159,950**

Well presented two bedroom property which forms part of an Old School Development. Benefits from double glazing, gas central heating, fitted kitchen and bathroom.

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**Boughton-under-Blean** **£159,999**

Well presented two bedroom period property with the additional benefit of a loft room. The property benefits from a lounge with cast iron stove fitted kitchen and bathroom, and enclosed rear garden.

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**Canterbury** **OIEO £165,000**

NO CHAIN. Two bedroom Grade II listed three storey cottage currently undergoing refurbishment. Lounge, kitchen and bathroom. Cellar, gas central heating and a rear garden.

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**Blean** **OIEO £205,000**

Two Bedroom Semi-Detached Cottage. Utility Room. Conservatory. Gated Driveway.

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**Faversham** **£234,950**

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**Kennington** £290,000  
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**Ashford OIEO £160,000**  
1920's style three bedroom semi detached with through lounge/diner, kitchen, utility, downstairs bathroom and lean to, garage, rear mature garden, central heating and double glazing.

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**Kennington** £175,000  
Two bedroom semi-detached bungalow. Two reception rooms. The garden has a southerly aspect and benefits from backing onto a small wooded area therefore is not overlooked.

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**Kingsnorth** OIEO £180,000  
Three bedroom townhouse. Lounge / dining room, kitchen, conservatory, downstairs cloakroom, enclosed rear garden, garage & off road parking. Remainder of 10 year NHBC guarantee.

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**Shadoxhurst** Asking Price £220,000  
Three bedroom detached bungalow in popular village. Lounge, kitchen/breakfast room, conservatory, bathroom and off road parking. No chain.

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**Ashford** £185,000  
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- Situated In Village Of Wingham.
- Internal Viewing Recommended

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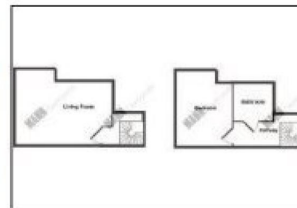


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- Two Bedroom House
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**£110,000**

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**Ashford**



**£134,950**

Two bedrooms, bathroom, kitchen and lounge/diner. gardens, garage. Although in need of up dating this property will appeal to first time buyers and investors.

**Kennington**



**£134,995**

Spacious and well presented three bedroom family property in a convenient location.

**Ashford**



**£139,000**

Over 55' exclusive development. Retirement apartment. One bedroom. Spacious bathroom. Fitted kitchen. Living room. Leasehold.

**Kingsnorth**



**£154,950**

Modern two bedroom end of terrace house. Kitchen/Diner, Garage & Parking. No Forward chain.

**Kennington**



**£177,500**

No chain three bedroom spacious property in sought after Little Burton Farm in Kennington location.

**Ashford**



**£179,995**

Family home with three bedrooms in requested area. Front and rear gardens plus garage. Viewing are highly recommended.

**Willesborough**



**£189,000**

Priced to sell!!! Four bedroom, lounge, kitchen, conservatory/ lean to and bathroom. Gas fire central heating, double glazing, cloakroom.

**Ashford**



**£235,000**

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**£60,000**

Purpose built one bedroom retirement flat, residents lounge, communal gardens and laundry facilities, lift facilities.

**Canterbury**



**£139,995**

No chain. This spacious and well presented ground floor apartment is situated in the sought after area of south Canterbury. A must view!

**Canterbury**



**£159,950**

Three bedroom semi detached house. Sunroom/conservatory, lounge, fitted kitchen. Convenient to the City Centre & Herne Bay

**Sturry Hill**



**£175,000**

Retirement Property, residents must be over the age of 55 years. Lounge/diner, shower rm/wc and fitted kitchen, three bedrooms and bathroom/wc

**Chartham**



**£189,950**

Modern detached. Patio courtyard, rocky garden and main garden. Contemporary designed lounge, double glazing, gas central heating and garage.

**Canterbury**



**£227,500**

Grade II Cottage which is a former stable block built in the late 1700's. Private parking and some original features which add to the charm of this home.

**Canterbury**



**£235,000**

Three storey Grade II home. Three bedrooms. Lounge with Inglenook fireplace. No chain.

**Littlebourne**



**£249,950**

A charming Grade II listed cottage with offers three bedroom, bathroom, lounge/ diner, fitted kitchen and an established cottage garden.

**Ickham**



**£270,000**

Grade II listed home. Comprises of lounge/diner with feature wood burner stove and kitchen with two bedrooms and bathroom.

**Tyler Hill**



**£315,000**

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**DOVER** **Dover 01304 201806**

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**HYTHE** **Folkestone 01303 259211**

**£399,950**


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**DOVER** **Dover 01304 201806**

**£112,000**

Forming part of a former stable block this contemporary mews cottage offers modern open plan living on the ground floor with under floor heating and a spiral staircase to the bedroom with beamed ceiling and "Juliette" balcony. This centrally located home also benefits from an allocated parking space. The perfect pied-a-terre.




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**FOLKESTONE** **Folkestone 01303 259211**

**£69,950**

A 50% shared ownership second floor flat. The flat offers one bedroom, living room, kitchen and shower room.

Double glazing and lift access.




**DOVER** **Dover 01304 201806**

**£104,950**

Three bedroom terrace house. Two reception rooms, kitchen and bathroom. Generous rear garden.



**DOVER** **Dover 01304 201806**

**£210,000**

Three bedroom detached chalet style home in an elevated corner position. Very private rear garden and a detached garage.



**FOLKESTONE** **Folkestone 01303 259211**

**FIXED PRICE £139,995**

Mid terrace, three storey property which has scope for further updating with no chain. Lounge/diner and kitchen, two bedrooms, bathroom/WC and fixed staircase to loft conversion.



**HAWKINGE** **Folkestone 01303 259211**

**£149,995**


Offered for sale with no chain! Two bedroom semi detached house with off road parking and a garage.



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**Sittingbourne**



**£119,950**

Three bedroom terrace house with two receptions, bathroom, kitchen, gardens, gas central heating.

**Sittingbourne**



**£139,995**

No chain! This three bedroom semi detached house. Garage with shared access driveway.

**Sittingbourne**



**£144,950**

Bay fronted terrace house with two bedrooms, two reception rooms, two bathrooms and garage.

**Kemsley**



**£159,500**

Immaculate property with three bedrooms, en suite, kitchen with integrated appliances, lounge/dining room and cloakroom.

**Sittingbourne**



**£165,000**

Four bedroom semi detached house, wheelchair access, drive to side, double glazing, central heating.

**Sittingbourne**



**£169,995**

Semi detached house. Lounge/diner, kitchen, bathroom, conservatory and three bedrooms with accessing loft.

**Sittingbourne**



**£170,000**

Three bedroom semi detached with driveway, lounge and kitchen/breakfast room. En-suite shower room facilities.

**Sittingbourne**



**£189,995**

Four bedroom town house. En suite shower, cloakroom, lounge and dining room. Garage and rear garden.

**Sittingbourne**



**£199,995**

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**Sittingbourne**



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**HYTHE**



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Top floor three bedroom Apartment set in an impressive moated former Georgian vicarage in the centre of its own grounds and now requiring some refurbishment.  
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**KEMSING** £230,000  
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The College is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment. Any offer of employment is subject to a Criminal Records Bureau check in accordance with the College procedure.

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For more information and an application form please contact:  
 Miss S Spratley, Pent Valley Technology College, Surrenden Road, Folkestone, Kent, CT19 4ED.

Email: [samantha.spratley@pent-valley.kent.sch.uk](mailto:samantha.spratley@pent-valley.kent.sch.uk)  
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**For an application pack, please write to/telephone (stating the role for which you are applying):**

**Mrs Linda Taylor, Abbey Court School, Rede Court Road, Strood, Kent, ME2 3SP (01634 338236)**

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### The Traffic Management (Kent County Council) Permit Scheme Order 2009

As required by Regulation 17(1) of The Traffic Management Permit Scheme (England) Regulations 2007, notice is hereby given that Kent County Council will start operation of the Kent Permit Scheme on 25 January 2010.

Kent County Council will be operating a permit scheme under Part 3 of the Traffic Management Act 2004. The Secretary of State for Transport made an Order on 30 November 2009 under section 34(4) and (5) and 39(2) of that Act for the Scheme to commence operation on 25 January 2010 (00:01).

The approved Kent Permit Scheme, describing the types of works or activities for which, and type of roads on which, permits will be required, and all other details of the Scheme including the processes for applying for permits and the level of permits fees and when and by whom they are payable, can be found on the KCC website at [www.kent.gov.uk](http://www.kent.gov.uk)

A copy of the Kent County Council Permit Scheme is also deposited and can be inspected at the offices of Kent County Council, Sessions House, County Road, Maidstone, Kent, ME14 1XQ (ref: LS/A/09072/359).

From 25 January 2010 promoters of all works or activities specified in the Scheme as requiring a permit must obtain such a permit from Kent County Council before starting work on the highway. Working without a permit or working in contravention of conditions attached to a permit is an offence, and in such circumstances, a promoter may be subject to a fixed penalty notice issued by the Council.

Kent County Council is committed to working with the promoters of activities on their roads to achieve the objectives of the scheme and its contribution to the better management of the Council's roads.

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**David Beaver, Traffic Manager, Kent County Council**  
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Notice is hereby given that owing to the likelihood of danger to the public and workforce whilst works are carried out, the Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting traffic travelling at any speed in excess of 30mph, on the A20 Hythe Road, between the junctions with The Street / Tesco and Church Lane, Aldington.

The Order will be in force whilst road works are in progress and the appropriate signs are displayed on site. The Order comes into effect on or after 4 January 2010 and will remain in force for up to 18 months or until the works are complete.

**TORRINGTON ROAD, ASHFORD (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2010 THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991**

Notice is hereby given that because of gas mains replacement, the Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting traffic on Torrington Road, Ashford, as shown in the schedule below, on or after 4 January 2010. This is for an estimated period of 10 weeks or until the works are complete.

<b>Extent:</b>	between the junctions with Riversdale Road and Providence Street
<b>Dates:</b>	4 January 2010 for up to 3 weeks
<b>Diversion:</b>	Riversdale Road, Whitfeld Road, Beaver Road and Torrington Road
<b>Extent:</b>	between the junctions with Providence Street and Upper and Lower Denmark Road
<b>Dates:</b>	25 January 2010 for up to 3 weeks
<b>Diversion:</b>	Torrington Road, Riversdale Road, Whitfeld Road, Beaver Road and Torrington Road
<b>Extent:</b>	between the junctions with Upper and Lower Denmark Road and Beaver Road
<b>Dates:</b>	15 February 2010 for up to 3 weeks
<b>Diversion:</b>	Whitfeld Road, Riversdale Road and Torrington Road

**PILGRIMS LANE, CHILHAM (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2010 THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991**

Notice is hereby given that because of the installation of a new gas supply, the Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting traffic on Pilgrims Lane, Chilham outside 'The Moorings', on or after 18 January 2010. This is for an estimated period of 3 days, or until the works are complete.

There is no through access at 'The Moorings'. The alternative route for through traffic will be via A28 Canterbury Road and either Bowerland Lane or Shalmsford Road.

**BYBROOK ROAD, ASHFORD PROHIBITION OF DRIVING TEMPORARY ORDER 2010 THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991**

Notice is hereby given that because of the installation of a new zebra crossing and carriageway resurfacing, the Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting traffic on Bybrook Road, Ashford, between and including the junctions of Grasmere Road and Belmont Road, on or after 4 January 2010. This is for an estimated period of up to 3 nights or until the works are complete, with works planned to be carried between the hours of 9.00 pm and 6.00 am.

The alternative route for through traffic will be via Rylands Road and Grasmere Road (from the eastern end). Belmont Road can only be accessed from the Rylands Road junction.

**SILVER HILL ROAD, ASHFORD (TWO WAY) TEMPORARY ORDER 2009 THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991**

Notice is hereby given that because carriageway works are proposed to be carried out, the Kent County Council intends to make an Order to make Silver Hill Road, Ashford two way from Lees Road to Abbey Way on or after 15 January 2010 for an estimated period of five nights or until such works are complete.

This is revoking The Kent County Council (Ashford) (Traffic Regulation) Order 1997 (Article 12) of Part D, item 43. This order will come into force on Monday 11 January 2010, will be in operation when the appropriate signs are erected, and will remain valid for a period of eighteen months. The order will allow the above mentioned restrictions to be implemented as and when required for works of a similar nature at any time for the duration of the order.

**OAKS ROAD, TENTERDEN (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2009 THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991**

Notice is hereby given that because footway improvements works are proposed to be carried out, the Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting traffic on Oaks Road, Tenterden from junction with Elmfield to its junction with East Cross in a West to East direction on the northern side on or after 18 January 2010 for an estimated period of seven days or until such works are complete.

The alternative route for through traffic will be via Beacon Oak Road, Ashford Road and East Cross.

This order will come into force on Monday 18 January 2010, will be in operation when the appropriate signs are erected, and will remain valid for a maximum period of eighteen months. The order will allow the above mentioned restrictions to be implemented as and when required for works of similar nature at any time for the duration of the order.

**COOMBE LANE, TENTERDEN (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2009 THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991**

Notice is hereby given that because footway improvements works are proposed to be carried out, the Kent County

Council intends to make an Order prohibiting traffic on Coombe Lane, Tenterden for the full length on or after 18 January 2010 for an estimated period of seven days or until such works are complete.

There is no alternative route available.

This order will come into force on Monday 18 January 2010, will be in operation when the appropriate signs are erected, and will remain valid for a maximum period of eighteen months. The order will allow the above mentioned restrictions to be implemented as and when required for works of a similar nature at any time for the duration of the order.

Highways - District of Canterbury

**SEA VIEW ROAD, HERNE BAY (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2010 THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991**

Notice is hereby given that because of the installation of a new wastewater pipeline, the Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting through traffic on Sea View Road, Herne Bay, as shown in the attached Schedule, on or after 4 January 2010. This is for an estimated period of up to 13 weeks or until the works are complete.

The alternative route for through traffic will be as shown in the schedule below:

<b>Road Name:</b>	Sea View Road
<b>Extent:</b>	between the junctions with Beacon Hill and Beltinge Road
<b>Dates:</b>	4 January 2010 for up to 7 weeks
<b>Diversion:</b>	Beacon Avenue and Beltinge Road
<b>The following roads will each be closed at their junction with Sea View Road for approximately two weeks:</b>	
	Beacon Hill from 4 January 2010
	Alma Road from 18 January 2010
	Salisbury Road from 1 February 2010
	When the junction is closed, each of these roads can be accessed from its junction with Beacon Hill

<b>Road Name:</b>	Sea View Road
<b>Extent:</b>	between the junctions with Beltinge Road and Reculver Road
<b>Dates:</b>	8 February 2010 for up to 8 weeks
<b>Diversion:</b>	Southbound traffic via Beltinge Road and Cliff Avenue Northbound via Reculver Road, Grange Road, Landon Road and Beltinge Road

Highways - Borough of Dartford

**OAKFELD LANE & CEDAR ROAD, DARTFORD (TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF TRAFFIC) TEMPORARY ORDER 2010 THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991**

Notice is hereby given that owing to the likelihood of danger to the public whilst works are carried out on or near the highway the Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting the use by vehicular traffic on Oakfield Lane and Cedar Road as noted in schedule 1.

The Order will become effective on 18th January 2010, will be in operation and remain valid for a maximum period of 18 months; the works are planned to last as noted in schedule 1. These restrictions will be effective when the appropriate signage is in place.

The alternative route for the above restriction will be via: as noted in the schedule.

The purpose of the closure is to facilitate gas and water mains replacement and services.

Schedule 1

<b>Road Name:</b>	Oakfield Lane
<b>Extent:</b>	Between its junctions with Hawley Road and Hazel Road
<b>Date:</b>	18th January 2010 for 6 weeks
<b>Diversion:</b>	Dartford Town Centre Bound Traffic - Lowfield Street, Princes Road, Heath Lane and Oakfield Lane

<b>Road Name:</b>	Oakfield Lane
<b>Extent:</b>	Between its junctions with Hawley Road and Hazel Road
<b>Date:</b>	18th January 2010 for 6 weeks
<b>Diversion:</b>	Traffic going East Bound - Hawley Road, Princes Road, Heath Lane and Oakfield Lane

<b>Road Name:</b>	Cedar Road
<b>Extent:</b>	Oakfield Road for approx 100m
<b>Date:</b>	18th January 2010 for 6 weeks
<b>Diversion:</b>	Elm Road and Hazel Road

Highways - Borough of Gravesham

**SPRINGHEAD ROAD, NORTHFLEET (TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF TRAFFIC) TEMPORARY ORDER 2010 THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991**

Notice is hereby given that owing to the likelihood of danger to the public whilst works are carried out on or near the highway the Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting the use by through traffic on Springhead Road, Northfleet from London Road to Thames Way.

The Order will become effective on 4th January 2010, will be in operation and remain valid for a maximum period of 18 months; the works are planned to last 10 weeks. These restrictions will be effective when the appropriate signage is in place.

The alternative route for the route described above will be via: B2175 London Road and A226 Thames Way.

The purpose of the closure is to facilitate 12" gas main replacement.

**YALDING BRIDGE, YALDING (PROHIBITION OF TRAFFIC) TEMPORARY ORDER 2010 THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991**

Notice is hereby given that because works are proposed to be carried out on or near a road the Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting the use by traffic on Yalding Bridge, Yalding. This order will come into effect on or after

Sunday 10th January 2010 for a period of up to 1 day or until such works are completed.

The alternative route for the restriction described above is for northbound traffic via High Street, B2162 Lees Road, Hampstead Lane, B2015 Maidstone Road, Bow Road, A26 Tonbridge Road, B2163 Teston Lane, B2010 Smiths Hill, Yalding Hill, High Street and for southbound traffic vice versa.

South East Water apologise for any inconvenience caused by these essential works which are necessary to permanently reinstate the carriageway. Should you require any further information about these works, the contact is Nicola Stone of Clancy Docwra on 01634 873290.

Highways - District of Sevenoaks

**PEASE HILL, ASH CUM RIDLEY (TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF TRAFFIC) TEMPORARY ORDER 2010 THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991**

Notice is hereby given that owing to the likelihood of danger to the public whilst works are carried out on or near the highway the Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting the use by vehicular traffic on Pease Hill, Ash Cum Ridley outside Pease Hill Cottage.

The Order will become effective on 18th January 2010, will be in operation and remain valid for a maximum period of 18 months; the works are planned to last 3 days. These restrictions will be effective when the appropriate signage is in place.

The alternative route for the restriction above will be via:

<b>NORTH:</b>	Hartley Bottom Road, Redhill Road, Ash Road / The Street
<b>SOUTH:</b>	Malthouse Road, Green Lane and South Ash Road.

The purpose of the closure is to facilitate carriageway permanent reinstatement works.

**MUSSENDEN LANE, HORTON KIRBY (TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF TRAFFIC) TEMPORARY ORDER 2010 THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991**

Notice is hereby given that owing to the likelihood of danger to the public whilst works are carried out on or near the highway the Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting the use by vehicular traffic on Mussenden Lane, Horton Kirby adjacent to Elmside and Boyneswood properties.

The Order will become effective on 18th January 2010, will be in operation and remain valid for a maximum period of 18 months; the works are planned to last 14 days. These restrictions will be effective when the appropriate signage is in place.

The alternative route for the route described above will be via: Mussenden Lane, Lombard Street and School Lane.

The purpose of the closure is to facilitate installation of a new electricity supply.

**HORTON ROAD, SOUTH DARENTH (TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF TRAFFIC) TEMPORARY ORDER 2010 THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991**

Notice is hereby given that owing to the likelihood of danger to the public whilst works are carried out on or near the highway the Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting the use by vehicular traffic on Horton Road, South Darenth for approx 65 meters from the junction of New Road.

The Order will become effective on 4th January 2010, will be in operation and remain valid for a maximum period of 18 months; the works are planned to last 11 months. These restrictions will be effective when the appropriate signage is in place.

The alternative route for the route described above will be via: Station Road Horton Kirby, Main Road Sutton at Hone, Cedar Drive Sutton at Hone, Devon Road Sutton at Hone and Holmesdale Road South Darenth.

The purpose of the closure is to facilitate demolition followed by reconstruction.

HIGHWAYS – District of Shepway

**CANTERBURY ROAD, SELSTED (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2009 THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991**

Notice is hereby given that because Carriageway Surfacing works are proposed to be carried out, the Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting traffic on Canterbury Road, Selsted from Selsted bends between Little Hatch and Woodland Cottages on 06 January 2010 for an estimated period of five nights or until such works are complete.

The alternative route for through traffic will be via A20, A2.

This order will come into force on Wednesday 6 January 2010, will be in operation when the appropriate signs are erected, and will remain valid for a maximum period of eighteen months. The order will allow the above mentioned restrictions to be implemented as and when required for works of a similar nature at any time for the duration of the order.

**CLOCKHOUSE LANE, BOUGHTON UNDER BLEAN (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2010 THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991**

Notice is hereby given that because of track maintenance on behalf of Network Rail, the Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting traffic on Clockhouse Lane, Boughton under Blean, at Clock House Level Crossing, on or after 24 January 2010.

This is for an estimated period of 1 day, between the hours of 8.00 am and 4.00 pm, or until the works are complete.

The alternative route for through traffic will be via Clockhouse Lane, Selling Road and Brenley Lane.

**A28 CANTERBURY ROAD, BIRCHINGTON (PROHIBITION OF WAITING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2010 THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991**

Notice is hereby given that because of works near the road and the likelihood of danger to the public due to inappropriate parking, the Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting Waiting at any time on the A28 Canterbury Road, Birchington, outside The King Ethelbert School. This is on the westbound carriageway, from the point where Public Footpath TM26 meets the junction of the A28 for a distance of 110 metres in an eastbound direction and 20 metres in a westbound direction.

The Order is due to come into force on or after 4 January 2010 for a period of up to one year, or until the works are complete.

**HARBOUR STREET, RAMSGATE (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2010 THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991**

Notice is hereby given that because of the installation of a new gas supply, the Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting traffic on Harbour Street, Ramsgate, in the vicinity of number 37, on or after 11 January 2010. This is for an estimated period of 2 days or until the works are complete.

The alternative route for through traffic will be via Harbour Parade, Leopold Street and Queen Street.

There will be a suspension of the one way Traffic Order on Queen Street, between the junctions with Leopold Street and Harbour Street. During the closure, traffic needing to access Queen Street should do so via Leopold Street.

**CROW HILL, BROADSTAIRS (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2010 THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991**

Notice is hereby given that because of essential carriageway repairs, the Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting traffic on Crow Hill, Broadstairs, between the junctions with Claire Court and Stone Road, on or after 18 January 2010. This is for an estimated period of 1 day or until the works are complete.

The alternative route for through traffic will be via Kings Avenue, Knights Avenue and Stone Road.

Highways - Borough of Tonbridge & Malling

**CHURCH ROAD, OFFHAM PROHIBITION OF TRAFFIC TEMPORARY ORDER 2010 THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991**

Notice is hereby given that because works are proposed to be carried out on or near a road the Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting the use by through traffic on Church Road, Offham on or after Monday 4th January 2010 for a period of up to 20 days or until such works are completed. Access will be available up to the railway bridge from Teston Road.

The alternative route for the restriction described above is via A20 London Road, B2016 Seven Mile Lane, Teston Road and vice versa.

South East Water Ltd, Southern Gas Networks and Reach Active apologise for any inconvenience caused by these essential works, which are necessary to provide new services, gas mains renewal scheme and fibre optic route protection. Should you require any further information regarding these works, the contacts are: South East Water • Amelia Faulkin on 01634 873084, Southern Gas Networks • Tony McPhilbin on 01233 714082 and Reach Active • Shaun Ewing on 0207 236 7870.

**STATION ROAD, DITTON PROHIBITION OF TRAFFIC TEMPORARY ORDER 2010 THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991**

Notice is hereby given that because works are proposed to be carried out on or near a road the Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting the use by through traffic on Station Road, Ditton on or after Tuesday 5th January 2010 for a period of up to 3 nights between 19:00hrs and 06:00hrs or until such works are completed.

The alternative route for the restriction described above is via A20 London Road, Hall Road, Station Road and vice versa.

Kent Highway Services apologise for any inconvenience caused by these works, which are necessary for essential carriageway resurfacing works. Should you require any further information the Kent Highway Services contact is Robert Seggie on 08458 247 800.

**KENT STREET, MEREWORTH PROHIBITION OF TRAFFIC TEMPORARY ORDER 2010 THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991**

Notice is hereby given that because works are proposed to be carried out on or near a road, the Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting the use by through traffic on Kent Street, Mereworth from the junction of A228 Malling Road for approximately 100m on or after Thursday 7th January 2010 for up to 3 days or until such works are completed.

The alternative route for the restriction described above is for westbound traffic via A228 Malling Road, The Street, Butcher's Lane, Kent Street and for eastbound traffic vice versa.

For further information, please contact  
Kent Highway Services, on 08458 247 800  
(local rate) or visit [www.kent.gov.uk/highways](http://www.kent.gov.uk/highways)





South East Water apologise for any inconvenience caused by these works, which are necessary to carry out permanent reinstatement to the carriageway. Should you require any further information about these works, the contact is Nicola Stone of Clancy Docwra on 01634 873290.

**NORMAN ROAD, WEST MALLING  
PROHIBITION OF TRAFFIC TEMPORARY ORDER 2010 THE ROAD  
TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC  
(TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991**

Notice is hereby given that because works are proposed to be carried out on or near a road the Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting the use by through traffic on Norman Road, West Malling on or after Monday 4th January 2010 for a period of up to 5 days or until such works are completed.

The alternative route for the restriction described above is for eastbound traffic via Sandy Lane, A20 London Road, Town Hill, King Street, High Street, West Street and for westbound traffic vice versa.

McNicholas Construction services Ltd apologise for any inconvenience caused by these works, which are necessary to provide a new duct for BT. Should you require any further information the contact is Kenton Stewart on 01795 437805.

**Highways - Borough of Tunbridge Wells**

**CRYLA ROAD, BRENCHELY  
PROHIBITION OF TRAFFIC TEMPORARY ORDER 2010 THE ROAD  
TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC  
(TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991**

Notice is hereby given that because works are proposed to be carried out on or near a road the Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting the use by through traffic on Cryals Road, Brenchley on or after Monday 4th January 2010 for a period of up to 5 days or until such works are completed.

The alternative route for the restriction described above is for westbound traffic via Tibbs Court Lane, Petteridge Lane, Cryals Road and for eastbound traffic vice versa.

EDF Energy apologise for any inconvenience caused by these works, which are necessary to install a new electrical supply. Should you require any further information the contact is Steve Bicknel of Murphy Ltd on 07920 150789.

**BULLINGSTONE LANE, SPELDHURST  
(PROHIBITION OF TRAFFIC) TEMPORARY ORDER 2010 THE ROAD  
TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC  
(TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991**

Notice is hereby given that because works are proposed to be carried out on or near a road, the Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting the use by through traffic on Bullingstone Lane, Speldhurst from the junction of Bullingstone Lane to Bullingstone Cottages on or after Monday 19th January 2010 for up to 1 week until such works are completed.

The alternative route for the restriction described above is via Bullingstone Lane, Penshurst Road, Speldhurst Road, Langton Road, and vice versa.

Kent Highway Services apologise for any inconvenience caused by these works, which are necessary to carry out essential drainage works. Should you require any further information about these works, the contact is Jamie Finch on 08458 247 800.

**SANDHURST ROAD, TUNBRIDGE WELLS  
PROHIBITION OF TRAFFIC TEMPORARY ORDER 2010 THE ROAD  
TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC  
(TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991**

Notice is hereby given that because works are proposed to be carried out on or near a road the Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting the use by through traffic on Sandhurst Road between Upper Grosvenor Road and Oak Road on or after Monday 4th January 2010 for a period of up to 6 weeks or until such works are completed.

The alternative route for the restriction described above is via Upper Grosvenor Road, Meadow Road, Goods Station Road, Grosvenor Road, A26 Mount Ephraim, A26 London Road, A264 Church Road, Crescent Road, Calverley Road, Prospect Road, Pembury Road, Sandhurst Road and vice versa.

Peter Brett Associates LLP apologise for any inconvenience caused by these essential works, which are necessary to reconstruct the carriageway, resurfacing and provide a new footway. Should you require any further information about these works, the contact is James Wallis on 01732 229600.

**VARIOUS ROADS IN THE BOROUGH OF TUNBRIDGE WELLS  
(PROHIBITION OF TRAFFIC) TEMPORARY ORDER 2010 THE ROAD  
TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC  
(TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991**

Notice is hereby given that because works are proposed to be carried out on or near a road the Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting the use by through traffic on the routes described in the Schedule.

The alternative routes as described will be noted in the schedule. Access will be maintained up to the points of closure. The Order will become effective on Monday 18th January 2010, will be in operation and remain valid for a maximum period of 18 months.

**Schedule:**

**Road Name:** A264 Langton Road, Rusthall  
**Extent:** The Hare PH crossroads  
**Dates:** Start: 20th January 2010 End: 22nd January 2010  
**Diversion:** A264 Bishops Down, A264 Mount Ephraim, A26 St John's Road, A26 London Road, B2176 Bidborough Ridge, Penshurst Road, Rogues Hill, B2188 Penshurst High Street, Fordcombe Road, New Road, Saints Hill, Spring Hill, Fordcombe Road, A264 Ashurst Road and A264 Langton Road

**Road Name:** A264 Langton Road, Tunbridge Wells  
**Extent:** (The Spa Roundabout) From Major York's Road to Rusthall Road.  
**Dates:** Start: 22nd January 2010 End: 29th January 2010  
**Diversion:** A264 Bishops Down, A264 Mount Ephraim, A26 St John's Road, A26 London Road, B2176 Bidborough Ridge, Penshurst Road, Rogues Hill, B2188 Penshurst High Street, Fordcombe Road, New Road, Saints Hill, Spring Hill, Fordcombe Road, A264 Ashurst Road and A264 Langton Road

**Road Name:** Vauxhall Lane, Southborough  
**Extent:** A26 to Honnington Farm

**Dates:** Start: 25th January 2010 End: 27th January 2010  
**Diversion:** Vauxhall Lane, A2014 Pembury Road, A26 Quarry Hill Road and A26 London Road

**Road Name:** A268 Queen Street, Sandhurst  
**Extent:** Megrms Hill to Marsh Quarter Lane  
**Dates:** Start: 27th January 2010 End: 2nd February 2010  
**Diversion:** A268 Megrms Hill, A268 Rye Road, A229 Cranbrook Road, Hawkhurst Road, Hartley Road, Angley Road, A262 The Street, Sissinghurst Road, Biddenden High Street, A262 Tenderden Road, Biddenden Road, A28 Silver Hill, A28 Tenderden Road, Tenderden High Street, Hastings Road, A268 Link Hill

**Road Name:** Speldhurst Road, Southborough,  
Tunbridge Wells  
**Extent:** From A26 London Road to Lady's Gift Road  
**Dates:** Start: 29th January 2010 End: 4th February 2010  
**Diversion:** A26 St John's Road, A264 Mount Ephraim, A264 Bishops Down, A264 Langton Road, The Green, Speldhurst Road, Langton Road, Speldhurst Hill, Etherington Hill and Speldhurst Road

**Road Name:** Sherenden Road, Capel  
**Extent:** Lilley Farm to Hartlake Road  
**Dates:** Start: 2nd February 2010 End: 6th February 2010  
**Diversion:** Hartlake Road and B2017 Five Oak Green Road

**Road Name:** Tutsham Way, Paddock Wood  
**Extent:** Whole Length  
**Dates:** Start: 8th February 2010 End: 11th February 2010  
**Diversion:** Ringden Avenue, B2160 Maidstone Road, Mount Pleasant and Cogate Road

**Road Name:** Bullion Close, Paddock Wood  
**Extent:** Whole Length  
**Dates:** Start: 11th February 2010 End: 12th February 2010  
**Diversion:** N/A Cul-de-sac

**Road Name:** Mercers Close, Paddock Wood  
**Extent:** Whole Length  
**Dates:** Start: 11th February 2010 End: 12th February 2010  
**Diversion:** N/A Cul-de-sac

**Road Name:** Alliance Way, Paddock Wood  
**Extent:** Whole Length  
**Dates:** Start: 11th February 2010 End: 12th February 2010  
**Diversion:** N/A Cul-de-sac

**Road Name:** Northdown Close, Paddock Wood  
**Extent:** Whole Length  
**Dates:** Start: 12th February 2010 End: 15th February 2010  
**Diversion:** N/A Cul-de-sac

**Road Name:** Keyworth Close, Paddock Wood  
**Extent:** Whole Length  
**Dates:** Start: 12th February 2010 End: 15th February 2010  
**Diversion:** N/A Cul-de-sac

**Road Name:** Goldings, Paddock Wood  
**Extent:** Whole Length  
**Dates:** Start: 15th February 2010 End: 16th February 2010  
**Diversion:** N/A Cul-de-sac

**Road Name:** Lansdowne Road, Tunbridge Wells  
**Extent:** Whole Length  
**Dates:** Start: 15th February 2010 End: 18th February 2010  
**Diversion:** Garden Road, Camden Road Calverley Road and Carrs Corner Roundabout

**Road Name:** Woodlands, Paddock Wood  
**Extent:** Whole Length  
**Dates:** Start: 16th February 2010 End: 17th February 2010  
**Diversion:** N/A Cul-de-sac

**Road Name:** Rope Walk, Cranbrook  
**Extent:** Whole Length  
**Dates:** Start: 17th February 2010 End: 19th February 2010  
**Diversion:** N/A Cul-de-sac

**Road Name:** Hendley Drive, Cranbrook  
**Extent:** Whole Length  
**Dates:** Start: 18th February 2010 End: 23rd February 2010  
**Diversion:** N/A Cul-de-sac

**Road Name:** Hendley Terrace, Cranbrook  
**Extent:** Whole Length  
**Dates:** Start: 18th February 2010 End: 23rd February 2010  
**Diversion:** N/A Cul-de-sac

**Road Name:** Woodbury Park Road, Tunbridge Wells  
**Extent:** Whole Length  
**Dates:** Start: 19th February 2010 End: 26th February 2010  
**Diversion:** Dunstan Road, Queens Road and A26 St John's Road

**Road Name:** Whites Lane, Hawkhurst  
**Extent:** Whole Length  
**Dates:** Start: 26th February 2010 End: 2nd March 2010  
**Diversion:** Water Lane, A268 Rye Road, A299 Cranbrook Road, Ockley Road and Queens Road

**Road Name:** Cranbrook High Street  
**Extent:** Carriers Rd junction  
**Dates:** Start: 18th March 2010 End: 22nd March 2010  
**Diversion:** Stone Street, Waterloo Road, A229 Angley Road, Cranbrook High Street

**Road Name:** Sandrock Road, Tunbridge Wells  
**Extent:** Approaches to Pelican crossing  
**Dates:** Start: 19th March 2010 End: 23rd March 2010  
**Diversion:** Sandrock Road, A264 Pembury Road, Calverley Park Gardens, Carrs corner Roundabout, Calverley Road, Camden Road and Garden Road

The purpose of the Order is to facilitate carriageway resurfacing works to be undertaken by Kent Highway Services.

Please Note: Access will be maintained for all residents, businesses and their visitors as much as possible during the works.

For further information or comment please call Tony Carreck of Kent Highway Services on 08458 247 800.

**TONBRIDGE & MALLING BOROUGH COUNCIL  
TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING ACTS - NOTICES OF  
APPLICATIONS**

The following applications have been submitted to the Council and are being advertised for the reason(s) given in each case.

TM/09/02922/FL & TM/09/02923/LB – Pippins Barn 277 Broadwater Road West Malling Kent ME19 6HT – Mr And Mrs M Rosier are applying for formation of landing area and guest bedroom with en-suite w.c. within existing roofspace with related staircase and consequent minor alterations to first floor layout and insertion of two conservation rooflights in north-facing roofslope. Reason: CA LB HH

TM/09/02934/FL – Carpenters Cottage 3 Stickens Lane East Malling West Malling ME19 6BT – Mr Mark Palmer is applying for changes to cladding and window fenestration relating to "The Barn". Reason: CA HH

TM/09/02931/FL – 9 Malling Road Snodland Kent ME6 5NA – Mr K Sarai is applying for change of use of first floor office to one bed flat. Resubmission of lapsed planning consent TM03/03498/FL. Reason: CA

TM/09/02855/FL – Little Cluny The Street Ightham Sevenoaks Kent TN15 9HE – Mr Venermo is applying for rear extension and alteration to ground floor layout. Together with new roof and new upper floor layout. (Resubmission of TM09/00046/FL). Reason: HH CA

**Reasons for the case being publicised:**

LB Application relates to/affects a Listed Building or its setting  
CA Application is within/affects a Conservation Area  
HH Householder application - As this is a householder application, in the event of an appeal against a refusal of planning permission, which is to be dealt with on the basis of representations in writing, any representations made about this application will be sent to the Secretary of State, and there will be no further opportunity to comment at appeal stage.

These applications are displayed on our website [www.tmbc.gov.uk](http://www.tmbc.gov.uk) – click on the button "Online Planning" (then View Existing Applications and select Public Access). You can submit your comments by emailing to [planning.applications@tmbc.gov.uk](mailto:planning.applications@tmbc.gov.uk) (please quote the application number by the date set out below). Please note that we will publish a copy of any representations received on the Council's website, including your name and address.

Copies of applications listed may be seen during office hours (8.30 am and 5.00 pm Monday to Friday). Any applications within Hadlow, Hildenborough and Tonbridge are available at Tonbridge Castle, Tonbridge. Other applications are available at the office of the Director of Planning, Transport & Leisure, Gibson Building, Gibson Drive, Kings Hill, West Malling, Kent, ME19 4LZ. Any representations should be made in writing quoting the application number by 24 January 2010.

David Hughes  
Chief Executive  
3 January 2010



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The US motor industry is still tottery; Ford has just sold Volvo, while General Motors seems set on closing the once proud 'other Swedish brand' Saab as it seeks to cut costs.

Other major groups are also feeling pressure from recession, the drive for lower emissions, and low-cost competition from the emerging industries of India and China.

Nevertheless, we can expect another raft of exciting new models for the coming year.

Here are snapshots of some 2010 'movers and shakers':

### JAGUAR XJ

AN ERA will close this spring when a radically different Jaguar XJ arrives (main picture), breaking a design chain stretching back to the mid-1960s.

Jaguar has been stuck in a styling time warp since the original Jaguar XJ6, a car so good that the prestige marque has been

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doomed to imitate it with varying degrees of success and accidentally damning the brand to an 'old hat' image.

But the XK Coupé and then the terrific XF showed a change of faith – the XJ will complete the reformation.

### CHEVROLET SPARK

CHEVY'S all-new city car (right) will be little more expensive than the Matiz it replaces in the spring, with prices from £6,495 – but far more sophisticated.

The Spark will sell initially in five-door form with two petrol options – a 68PS (67bhp) 1.0-litre or 82PS (81bhp) 1.2-litre – and LS trim (from £8,445) is expected to be most popular with standard kit including, air con, electric front windows, remote central locking, USB compatible sound system and front fog lamps.

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# Motor industry puts faith in its

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## BMW 5-SERIES

BMW launches generation six of its highly successful 5-Series in March, priced from £27,555.

It signals a move away from BMW's love/hate styling of late; it is striking, but the sometimes awkward shut lines and motifs have gone – distinctive yet tasteful is the new way.

The 5-Series also comes fully into BMW's eco-friendly EfficientDynamics fold by gaining auto Start-Stop to save fuel and emissions in urban congestion.

Cabin comfort is said to be high due to the longest wheelbase in its class and expect the 520d diesel to be top seller, with a potential average mpg in the mid-50s and class-leading CO2 emissions of just 132g/km with a road tax bill of just £120/year.



## KIA VENGA

KIA has confirmed that its all-new and crisply styled Venga arrives in early 2010, to attack the Ford Fiesta sector.

Touted as a premium product, it has been designed, engineered and manufactured in Europe for Europe, like the company's impressive Ford Focus rival, the Ceed. That explains baby MPV proportions with an unusually long wheelbase and high roofline for a big cabin. Sliding rear seats fold flat to the floor for the van-like cargo capability preferred by supermini buyers.

Both the 75bhp 1.4-litre petrol and 115bhp 1.6-litre diesel powertrains will be available with Stop and Go technology to save fuel and emissions. Luxury options include a tilt/slide panoramic roof.

## VOLVO S60

VOLVO has unveiled the car to catapult it back into the big time – the all-new S60.

Racy four-door coupé styling – an evolution of the current car's lines – should put the heat on its German rivals, the BMW 3-Series, Audi A4 and Mercedes-Benz C-Class.

A recent first drive of

the Swedish marque's revamped S80 showed that Volvo is also now closer to the pace on chassis development – a failing of the current S60.

Concealed rear door handles add to the classy coupé lines, which are increasingly fashionable in the executive sector and currently championed most obviously by

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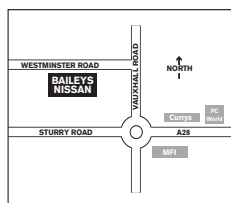
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And while it has 200bhp on tap, including instant power from two electrically driven rear wheels as well as a diesel front end, it averages nearly 80mpg and would be road tax exempt with just 95g/km of CO2 emissions.

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## FORD C-MAX

**STUNG** by Vauxhall's hugely successful Zafira midi-MPV, Ford has responded belatedly with a Ford C-Max seven-seater.

But the US giant will also offer a sleeker five-seat version (pictured) when the current C-Max is replaced in early summer.

Both cars are claimed to "enhance practicality and safety for family users" including semi-automatic parallel parking, blind-spot detection, seat belt warning lights for rear passengers, power-activated child locks and a powered tailgate.

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## CITROËN DS3

CITROËN will launch a cult car this spring to tackle the Mini and Fiat 500.

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# The comforts of home

TOURIST chiefs say the so-called 'staycation effect' has brought big benefits to Kent and the South East, **writes Andy Rogers.**

Many tourist businesses even had a record year despite the recession, though some have had to sacrifice profitability per visitor by using incentives and promotions.

The term staycation was coined to reflect UK holidaymakers shunning holidays and breaks abroad as the recession hit hard, staying at home to make the most of sterling and, as a bonus, enjoy an Indian summer.

And the new buzzword has certainly been underlined by Tourism South East data, which shows 46 per cent of tourism businesses in the region improved trading from July to September, 2009 – five per cent more than for the same period in 2008 – and 78 per cent benefited from higher numbers of domestic visitors.

Leisure trips in the South East increased by 25 per cent and visitors' spending on those trips increased by 14 per cent.

And there is a 'happy camper effect' too, with the Camping and Caravanning Club reporting advance bookings for the South East rose more than 10 per cent this year and occupancy was up more than 13 per cent against 2008.

Caravan and camping businesses as well as visitor attractions reported better performance from July to September compared with 2008 – up 79 per cent and 65 per cent respectively. Visitor attractions reaping rewards included Dover Castle where recent investments by English Heritage have recreated King Henry II's 12th century palace. In



**FIT FOR A KING:** Recreating Henry II's opulent quarters at Dover Castle's Great Tower has boosted the 'staycation' trend

August alone, 62,680 visitors flocked to see the Kent attraction – an increase of 49 per cent over August 2008.

"It is heartening to see our investment in what is one of the country's most significant heritage tourism developments has already captured the imagination of the public and encouraged them to come to Kent and to stay longer," said Steve Lang, head of visitor operations at Dover Castle.

"We aim to continue this growth well into our 2010 season and are forecasting a 20 per cent growth in visitor figures compared with the months in 2009 before the Great Tower opened."

However, Tourism South East admits that more visitors have not necessarily led to a like-for-like increase in profits for some attractions.

Price sensitivity among consumers has required promotions and offers. Research chief at Tourism South East, Parves Khan, said: "Overall, the feedback has been positive. However, 2009 was a challenging year for many hoteliers who rely on foreign visitors and the business travel market.

"International Passenger Survey figures which take us up to August show a nine per cent drop in the number of inbound trips.

"On the domestic front, evidence from holiday parks suggests they are experiencing a significant increase in advance bookings for 2010.

"It looks like the staycation effect is set to continue. Park Holidays UK has reported advance bookings for 2010 at its 25 centres are 66 per cent ahead of last year's figures."

## Ride a White Horse for the New Year

AN ARTIST famous for the giant landmark White Horse above the Channel Tunnel entrance in Folkestone is part of a business venture launched with New Year resolutions in mind.

Charles Newington and a co-operative of other talented individuals including Shakespearean actor and TV regular Andrew Lewis, have set up the White Horse Studio in Marine Street Walk, Hythe, ([www.thewhitehorsestudio.co.uk](http://www.thewhitehorsestudio.co.uk)) to offer courses including drawing and painting, theatre skills, children's book illustration, yoga and "French as it's really spoken".

Mr Newington, who lives in Folkestone, said: "With Christmas and New Year over and winter's worst yet to come, this is the moment to attract people looking to explore new avenues or pursue a New Year resolution – maybe one to realise a dream to paint or act."

Mr Lewis, who lives in Ashford and has been 11 years on the cast of the *Holby City* TV series, said: "This venture is also just as much about people gaining confidence and new friends as well as honing a skill or talent and we aim to add yet more courses to the White Horse portfolio."



**HORSEPLAY:** Andrew Lewis, left, and Charles Newington

## Consumers now 'get' ethical spending, says Co-op

SPENDING on ethical goods and services has virtually trebled in a decade, according to the Co-operative Bank's newly-published Ethical Consumerism Report.

The ethical market was worth £36 billion in 2008 against £13.5bn in 1999, with key sectors such as food, household goods, eco-travel and ethical finance easily outstripping an overall 58 per cent increase in consumer spending over the past 10 years.

But the most dramatic finding in the Co-op

report – a barometer of UK ethical spending for a decade – is the Fairtrade sector's expansion by a factor of 30. Sales of Fairtrade goods and produce, which give a premium to growers and producers in developing countries, were just £22m in 1999; last year the figure was £635m and it is expected to smash the £1bn barrier in 2010.

Sales of energy efficient electrical appliances and boilers have also grown 12 and nine times respectively, while the financial services mar-

ket has seen ethical banking and investments triple over the course of the decade.

Neville Richardson, chief executive at Co-operative Financial Services, said: "It is clear UK shoppers have grown accustomed to supporting growers in developing countries by buying Fairtrade. Although the report shows ethical purchasing is well established, there is still a long way to go if we are all going to adopt the low-carbon lifestyle needed to avoid cataclysmic climate change."

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# Triumph from disaster with Dockyard's tourism role

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 Chatham Historic Dockyard marketing director Anthony Morse talks to Julie Maddocks

By **ANDY ROGERS**

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CHATHAM Historic Dockyard Trust approached its 25th anniversary year with some concerns, says marketing manager Anthony Morse.

While upbeat about the special year and celebratory events, managers were conscious that visitors might stay away as Britain battled recession and higher fuel prices.

Like so many homegrown attractions though, the Dockyard benefited from the 'staycation' trend, where people decided not to holiday abroad, often using their leisure cash for short breaks or days out.

As a result, the former naval base with its Nelsonian heritage not only celebrated the actual anniversary in April with renewed confidence, but maintained a healthy level of visitors throughout 2009 despite the recession.

It also added to this in late 2009 by jointly winning the Leisure and Tourism section in the £1 Million Business Challenge Awards held by KOS Media, publisher of this newspaper and the Your Local midweek series, plus the [www.kentnews.co.uk](http://www.kentnews.co.uk) family of websites and [www.yourkenttv.co.uk](http://www.yourkenttv.co.uk).

This brought a prize fund of about £90,000 in media spend to be used across the KOS Media group.

Mr Morse said: "The Dockyard has become a vibrant, mixed-use community attracting 125,000 visitors a year and it also has 125,000



**NAVAL GAZING:** Centuries of maritime history is on offer at Chatham Historic Dockyard

homes and more than 100 businesses and we have had a great 25th anniversary year."

Looking ahead to 2010, he said: "We have a superb new gallery and attraction opening so I'm sure the fund that comes with this KOS Media award will help us tell everyone about that."

The Dockyard has been a triumph snatched from the disaster of 1980s cutbacks when Medway learned the Royal Naval base – then the area's biggest employer – would be closed.

The real estate was divided in two, with the older section and its historic buildings packaged for development as an 80-acre tourist attraction under a charitable trust.

What had been real estate deemed unsuitable for a modern Navy suddenly became prime assets for attracting visitors.

Most of the trust's £3 million annual

operating cost now comes directly from visitors and revenue from filming rights, conferencing, weddings, banqueting and other onsite activities.

Chatham played a crucial role in 400 years of Navy history including events such as the Spanish Armada, the Dutch Wars and the struggle against Revolutionary and Napoleonic France.

It was also linked with two of Britain's greatest seamen, Sir Francis Drake and Admiral Horatio Nelson.

The dockyard built HMS Victory, Nelson's flagship at the pivotal Battle of Trafalgar in 1805. Victory now resides at Portsmouth, but the Kent base has historic warships on display including HMS Gannet (1878), destroyer HMS Cavalier (1944) and submarine HMS Ocelot (1962), plus imaginative exhibitions.

## Simon's making progress

A FARMER who grows apricots and is planting kiwi fruit has won the UK's top award for progressive farming.

Simon Foad manages Highland Court Farm at Bridge, near Canterbury, where he heads a team with a reputation for trail-blazing and advising their industry.

Mr Foad, 46, added to this by being judged Progressive Farmer of the Year – sponsored by farming products firm Agrovista – at the Food and Farming Industry Awards.

Alan Whibley of Farm Business magazine, which organises the awards, said: "This team is at the top of its game and supporting others to reach the same high standards."

"Mr Foad is an exemplary farmer, a really nice guy and a superb ambassador for our industry. This award is about innovative thinking and new techniques and technologies."

"Under his leadership, Highland Court Farm is both sustainable and profitable during a tough period for British farming. It's a model for others to follow."

Mr Foad said: "I was shocked to win as we were up against great competition. But it




**TRAILBLAZER:** Simon Foad, left, accepts the award from Agrovista's Nick Rainsley demonstrates our commitment and attitude to new technology, ideas and opportunities.

"We have ambitious plans which will only be realised through team effort. Apricots have done well for us, but we're only just experimenting with kiwi fruit, so there's a lot of work to do and people will be watching us."

The ceremony in London was hosted by the shadow secretary of state for agriculture and rural affairs, James Paice MP.

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**■ NO USE Empty**, the initiative aiming to bring empty properties in Kent back into use, has approved a further £1 million in interest-free loans to home owners across the county.

The fresh cash takes the No Use Empty partnership between Kent County Council and local councils to more than £2.5m at a time when it is hard for individuals to borrow money from banks.

New areas and projects to benefit include Dartford, Thanet – including £175,000 in Cliftonville for a property originally part of the Landmark Hotel – Dover, Shepway and Sevenoaks.

KCC alone has committed a £5m fund to help persuade property owners to bring empty buildings back into use; research shows that the cost of renovation is one of the biggest obstacles.

Owners can apply for an interest-free loan of up to £25,000 per unit to a maximum of £175,000.

Barbara Hewett-Silk, recipient of a No Use Empty loan in Ramsgate, said her property had been empty for more than four years and suffered a lot of water damage. “The help provided by KCC and Thanet council staff in obtaining the grant has meant we have been able to carry out the repairs quickly and get the house ready for sale in a short space of time,” she said.

**■ KENT'S recent winter chill** has underlined the benefits of new IT links available even to the smallest businesses, according to a supplier of unified communications systems.

While other firms and their employees were hit hard by paralysis on county roads and railways, Outsourcery claims its clients were able to keep working via their laptops by using a package of remote desktop sharing, video conferencing facilities, instant messaging and other hi-tech tricks.

Mark Seemann, product strategy and development director at Outsourcery, said: “The bad weather shows that small businesses cannot always rely on employees being able to meet face-to-face.”

“With large numbers of employees having to work away from the office in the harsh weather conditions, businesses are finding that they need more effective ways to stay in touch with their colleagues and clients.”

**■ NEW offices** at Highcross and Cantium Developments' Watermark Kent office park near Sittingbourne have been sold to the Southern Educational Leadership Trust (Selt).

The charity specialises in leadership development in the education sector; a major contract is the mandatory National Professional Qualification for headteachers across the south.

Selt was previously based at West Malling, but chief executive Frank Clare said it wanted to stay in Kent, adding: “Kent is an important location for us, both in terms of our staff and our customers.”

“The Watermark development is convenient for the M2 and M20 and offered new high-quality buildings.

“We were also looking at cost-effectiveness and were attracted by the opportunity to purchase the freehold, which we felt offered good value for money.”

The charity has bought Units 1 and 2 at the park, totalling 8,507 sq ft, within the development's 13-unit first phase, Conqueror Court.



**NEW LOOK:** My Brief founder Jeremy Betts with his wife and office manager, Charlotte

## A dream end to stuffy law firm image

MEDWAY has a new law firm called My Brief, marking the fulfilment of a dream for founder Jeremy Betts.

Based at Chatham Historic Dockyard, My Brief will specialise initially in driving law, wills, probate and business law advice.

Mr Betts is a solicitor with 17 years' experience in criminal law and a former pupil of the Howard School in Rainham. He is joined in the venture by his wife Charlotte, who will manage the company's offices.

Mr Betts said: “It's been a dream of mine to open a law firm for many years. I want to get away from the stuffy image of naming law firms after the names of the partners.

“As far as I am concerned, the most important people in our company are our clients.”

The firm will offer Kent and Medway clients home visits for consultation and offer a variety of services with fixed price services and expects substantial business via its internet presence.

**■ BUSINESSES** must encourage education and skills in the UK workforce to boost flexibility and competitiveness, says CBI president Helen Alexander.

Speaking at a CBI South East dinner held near Horsham, she also suggested economic recovery was likely to be fragile and reinforced a CBI demand that after the 2010 general election, the next government acts within 100 days to put in place a plan to balance the budget by 2015-16 to restore confidence.

# Investment in future of education

TWO Kent colleges have benefited from more than half a million pounds of lower-cost finance towards major projects.

By **ANDY ROGERS**

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The deal involves Barclays and the European Investment Bank (EIB) at a time when big banks are being accused of not offering affordable loans while official interest rates are at a historic low.

MidKent College – with sites in Medway and Maidstone – is one of the beneficiaries, gaining a £286,900 loan towards redevelopment of its Maidstone campus, starting this year.

And Tonbridge and Tunbridge Wells-based West Kent College has negotiated £243,200 towards a new all-weather sports facility and professional development centre for local employers.

### Package

The two colleges are among 24 across the UK benefiting from a total loan package of £200 million towards £1 billion in capital projects, arranged under the Barclays EIB loan support for education scheme.

Ian Rule, director of finance at MidKent College, said: “In a new world with little or no Government funding towards building projects in further education, we are thrilled to benefit from this scheme.

“The original loan from Barclays, together with grant funding from the Learning and Skills Council, has been used to help fund the construction of our

new Medway campus in Gillingham, which opened to students in September, 2009.

“This much-needed provision has transformed further education in Medway and enhanced the learner experience for a great number of students.

“Now we are planning to redevelop our Maidstone campus without the benefit of Government grants, and the payment from the EIB scheme will contribute to that important development.”

Vice-principal at West Kent College, Chris Hare, said: “This project will provide an enhanced customer experience throughout the college and complement the fantastic facilities our new campus will offer.”

Richard Robinson of Barclays' education team said: “Barclays has an unrivalled, longstanding relationship with the further education sector and we already lend £608m across 170 colleges in the UK.”

EIB vice-president Simon Brooks said: “Many of the UK's further education colleges need to modernise their campuses in order to deliver effectively to students the courses and training needed in today's economy.”



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YOU could argue the past decade has been the most successful in the history of Kent football. Before 2000 the county's sides had mustered just two Wembley appearances between them and both, Dartford's FA Trophy final in 1974 and Gillingham's 1999 play-off, ended in defeat.

In the last decade alone that figure doubled, with the Kent side victorious every time. Deal started the trend by winning the FA Vase in 2000, a couple of weeks before Gillingham beat Wigan in the play-offs. Ebbsfleet United won the FA Trophy in 2008 and Gillingham were again promoted last year.

The Gills became the first Kent side since Woolwich Arsenal to play in the second tier of English football, staying there for five seasons.

Non-league reorganisation in 2005 put an end to the era when Kent clubs travelled past dozens of grounds in the London area to play the likes of Grantham and King's Lynn, there has always been at least one Kent team in the Conference and Dartford have built a superb new ground.

Yet, try saying this has been a golden decade to fans of Canterbury City or Sheppey United, both of whom folded in 2001. The Kent League, once a competition watched by thousands, is essentially a league for players only, with attendances often exaggerated to spare clubs' embarrassment.

City have at least reformed, but there are clubs seemingly queuing up to follow Sheppey into oblivion.

#### ASHFORD TOWN

BACK in 2000 Sky Sports' Rodney Marsh predicted Town would be playing in the Football League in five years' time.

Nine-and-a-half years later, Rodney hasn't been seen since, but we have had a players' revolt following Tommy Sampson's departure, the spurious appointment of Ian Wright as 'Director of Football Strategy' and the 2009 crisis which sees the Nuts & Bolt odds on favourites for relegation – or worse.

**HIGHLIGHT:** Seeing the back of John Gurney, the man who threatened to move Bedford Rugby Club to Homelands.

**LOW POINT:** The past year's slide from promotion hopefuls to potential bankrupts.

#### CHATHAM TOWN

TEN years of stability at Maidstone Road. The Chats took the Kent League title in 2000-01 and have never really looked like being relegated since.

**HIGHLIGHT:** Winning the Kent League in 2001, in some style.

**LOW POINT:** Discovering they would be in the Ryman League North Division after non-league restructuring.

#### CRAY WANDERERS

ROCK bottom of the Kent League when the decade began, Cray have made consistent progress ever since, ditching the intimidation tactics of the first couple of seasons and developing into an attractive side who won the Kent League in successive seasons and have now become another established Ryman League outfit.

**HIGHLIGHT:** Play-off final win in 2009.

**LOW POINT:** Losing in 2005 and 2008 play-offs.

#### DARTFORD

MORIBUND in 2000, Dartford languished at the foot of the Southern League Eastern Division for the first half of the decade. A planned new ground at Stone Lodge never happened, but the local council stepped in to build Princes Park, a venue that is the envy of clubs across the county and beyond.

A team that began the decade struggling for survival ends it poised to become a major force in non-league football.

**HIGHLIGHT:** The first game at Princes Park against Horsham YMCA.

**LOW POINT:** Seasons spent at Purfleet and Stonebridge Road.

Picture: GETTY IMAGES



SUCCESS: Gills (left) and Ebbsfleet have had their ups and downs, but statistically in 2000-09 both enjoyed their best-ever decade

Picture: ADY KERRY



# Decade revisited

## After 10 years of ups and downs for the county's football teams, FRED ATKINS charts the rise and fall of some of Kent's top clubs

#### DOVER ATHLETIC

THE Whites were an established Conference side in 2000, but at one point it seemed the authorities were inventing new divisions for them to fall into. A succession of disastrous seasons and baffling managerial appointments saw them drop to Ryman Division One South, but they finally got it right with Andy Hessenthaler. Hess has spent wisely where others have chucked money around like confetti.

**HIGHLIGHT:** Successive, title-winning promotions from Ryman One South to Conference South.

**LOW POINT:** Losing to Tonbridge in the 2006 play-off final.

#### EBBSFLEET UNITED

STATISTICALLY the most successful decade in the club's history, with the Ryman League title in 2002 followed by the longest unbroken run the club has ever enjoyed in the Conference, the FA Trophy final win in 2008 and last season's semi-final.

But the latter part of the decade has been controversial, specifically renaming the club after a station and offering fans the chance to "pick the team" in exchange for £35.

The idea Liam Daish could be overruled by a few internet geeks who'd never even seen the side play was never going to be workable. The current league position suggests intervention is needed, but of the divine variety.

**HIGHLIGHT:** Winning the FA Trophy in 2008.

**LOW POINT:** Changing the name from Gravesend & Northfleet as part of a Eurostar marketing strategy.

#### FOLKESTONE INVICTA

INVICTA went about as far as a club with their resources could at the start of the decade, and did well to stay in the Southern League Premier Division for three seasons.

The board were shrewd enough to keep Neil Cugley on as manager despite two relegations, but less canny in averting the financial worries that dogged the club in the past year.

**HIGHLIGHT:** Finishing 13th in the old Southern League in 2001-02.

**LOW POINT:** Winning just seven games the following season and coming bottom.

#### GILLINGHAM

TWO victorious appearances at Wembley, an FA Cup quarter-final and five seasons in the second tier are offset by two relegations and the collapse of ITV digital, which had a knock-on effect on the Gills' finances that is still being felt.

Probably the most eventful decade in Gillingham's history and like Ebbsfleet,

### KENT RANKINGS START OF 2000

GILLINGHAM	50
DOVER	97
MARGATE	120
GRAVESEND & NORTHFLEET	130
FOLKESTONE	185
ASHFORD	197
TONBRIDGE	203
DARTFORD	221
SITTINGBOURNE	239
DEAL	248
CHATHAM	301
RAMSGATE	337
SHEPPEY	355
HERNE BAY	391
LORDSWOOD	427
WHITSTABLE	445
HYTHE	481
TUNBRIDGE WELLS	489
FAVERSHAM	517
CANTERBURY	535
CRAY	553

MAIDSTONE and SEVENOAKS began 2000 in third and fourth place respectively in the Kent County League Premier Division.

statistically their most successful ever.

**HIGHLIGHT:** Wembley 2000 and 2009, FA Cup games at Stamford Bridge 2000 and Highbury 2002.

**LOW POINT:** Relegation on the final day of 2005 at Notts Forest.

#### MAIDSTONE UNITED

THE Stones have risen further in the past 10 years than any other Kent club, but this is partly because they fell to previously uncharted depths in the 1990s.

There were two Kent League titles, successive promotions in 2006 and 2007, and an even a mention on EastEnders.

But what was the cost? It's nearly 10 years since the club first announced its intention to move to Whatman Way and there is no end in sight to this exile.

**HIGHLIGHT:** The final days of the 2006, 2007 and 2008 seasons.

**LOW POINT:** Bumper stickers saying: "Back home 2006."

#### MARGATE

ANOTHER side who were in rude health at the start of the millennium but are heading for the A&E department 10 years on.

The Gate won the Southern League Premier Division title in 2001 under Chris Kinnear, but the decision to bulldoze part of Hartsdown Park and groundshare with Dover and Ashford was disastrous.

When they eventually returned home

Kinnear was fired. Fans must be sick of the seemingly endless series of financial crises.

**HIGHLIGHT:** Beating Nigel Clough's Burton to the Southern League title in 2001.

**LOW POINT:** Compare and contrast how Burton and Margate have fared since.

#### RAMSGATE

THE Rams were going nowhere fast in 2000, or 2003 for that matter, but the return of Jim Ward in 2004 was the catalyst for a golden era for the Thanet side.

Ward unearthed a succession of talented local players and transformed an under-achieving squad into a gritty side that won the Kent League in 2004-05 and the Ryman Division One South title a year later.

Defeat in the 2007 play-offs was followed by a League Cup success in 2008, but on a limited budget it was no surprise when they were relegated last season.

**HIGHLIGHT:** Winning the 2009 League Cup on penalties.

**LOW POINT:** Losing at Staines in the 2007 play-off final.

#### SITTINGBOURNE

STRUGGLING to stay afloat 10 years ago, struggling now. The Brickies moved out of Central Park onto their old training pitch in 2002, but are still losing money at a rate that puts their future at risk.

**HIGHLIGHT:** The Gary Abbott inspired play-off challenge for the last two seasons.

**LOW POINT:** Seeing average gates fall below the 150 mark this year.

#### TONBRIDGE ANGELS

ONE of the best-run clubs in Kent, but the lure of the higher leagues often induces panic, as in 2003 when the money ran out with the club top of the Southern League Eastern Division and coasting to the title.

Last year's play-off semi-final defeat to Carshalton provoked similar self-flagellation, but the Angels end the decade in a position many rivals envy.

**HIGHLIGHT:** Beating Dover in the 2006 play-offs and Oxford in the 2007-08 FA Trophy.

**LOW POINT:** Relegation in 2005.

#### WHITSTABLE TOWN

THERE was a buzz at the Belmont for much of the decade, culminating in a Kent League title under Marc Seager in 2006-07, but getting promoted to the Ryman League proved far easier than staying there, with attendances too low to sustain anything other than a series of relegation battles.

**HIGHLIGHT:** Winning the Kent League in 2006-07.

**LOW POINT:** Seager's departure last year.



# Ones to watch

## Kent on Sunday Sport takes a look at the young stars looking to create sporting headlines in 2010

### CRICKET

**SAM NORTHEAST:** After a promising first full season at Kent, 20-year-old Sam Northeast has all but cemented a place in the county's top order. His displays last year persuaded the club to forget about re-signing Justin Kemp as an overseas player, instead opting to back Northeast to take his place in Kent's top six.

The Ashford-born right-hander hit his maiden century with an unbeaten 128 against Gloucestershire last summer, and went on to score 667 runs with a respectable average just shy of 40 in a fruitful season at St Lawrence.

Stepping up to Division One cricket will be a significant challenge and the youngster has already begun his preparations by spending time working against spin in India. His early achievements in the game have already been recognised by England, who have named him in their Performance Programme this winter.

### FOOTBALL

**JACK PAYNE:** The definition of an old head on young shoulders, Jack Payne has offered enough already this season to suggest he is poised for a promising career.

Graduating from Gillingham's youth set-up a year early, the midfielder, who only turned 18 last month, made a big impact in pre-season.

After watching him score the only goal in the friendly win at Crystal Palace, manager Mark Stimson said: "I watched him a lot in the youth side last year and made him a pro as soon as he turned 17 because I rate him highly. He's improving all the time."

Despite still being slightly built, Payne has provided a calming influence in midfield and made 13 appearances in the first-half of the season. Stimson saw enough to offer a new contract in the autumn and as long as the teenager keeps working hard he can only get better.

### MOTORSPORT

**ADRIAN QUAIFE-HOBBS:** The youngest driver in the country to receive the British Racing Drivers Club Rising Star award looks set for an exciting 2010 with a move to the Formula 3 Euro Series.

The 18-year-old from Tonbridge has



risen through the motorsport ranks at an alarming pace, securing his first title aged 15 in the prestigious T Cars Series and remains the youngest ever winner of the championship.

Since winning the T Car title in 2005, Quaife-Hobbs has impressed in Formula BMW and Formula Renault, which has since secured him a lucrative race seat in the 2010 Formula 3 Euro Series.

The championship is one of the most competitive in single-seater racing and has helped to produce the likes of Formula One stars Lewis Hamilton and Sebastian Vettel.

Quaife-Hobbs will be one of the youngest drivers in the paddock and is hoping to be in contention for race wins by the end of the season.

### GYMNASTICS

**COURTNEY TULLOCH:** Already a British champion and a medallist on the world stage,

**HOT PROSPECTS:** (far left) Jack Payne, (top right) Adrian Quaife-Hobbs, (above l-r) Sam Northeast and Courtney Tulloch

the 14-year-old gymnast is ready to make an even greater impression in 2010.

Having moved from Romford to live closer to his training base at Pegasus Gymnastics Club in Bearsted, Tulloch reaped the rewards last year, winning gold on rings – his signature piece – at the British Championships in October.

He then went global in December as part of the England team that scooped bronze at the World School Games in Qatar. While Tulloch himself missed out on an individual medal by 0.1, the near-miss can only serve as a future incentive.

The teenager will be back on the big stage at the European Championships in Birmingham this April, an event which offers the first chance to qualify for Tulloch's ultimate dream – the Olympic Games.



**INJURY HELL:** Dani Masters is fighting back after two years in the wilderness

## Duo's drive to secure tour status

AFTER a torrid 18 months which has tested her love for the game, Kent golfer Dani Masters is optimistic about a successful return to the Ladies European Tour (LET).

The 26-year-old's promising career was brought to an abrupt halt in 2008 by a series of injuries which kept her out for half the season. After losing LET exemption, Masters spent last year in virtual exile on the sidelines.

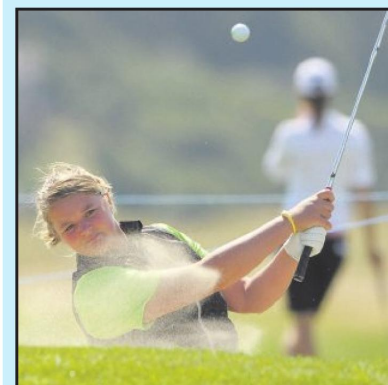
Returning to Qualifying School last month, the Maidstone golfer came through pre-qualifying to make the final stage. A lack of tournament golf cost her the chance of claiming a full card for this season, but a 43rd place finish could still see Masters enter half the events on the 2010 calendar.

"I'm glad to see the back of the last two years," she said. "It's been tough and there were times when I was feeling very sorry for myself and thought about getting a normal life with a regular job. But I love playing golf and if I can get a good start next season I could be back on track."

Further up the leaderboard at Q-School, Claire Aitken regained her full LET card by finishing 21st. It was the second successive season the 23-year-old from Gravesend had come through the intense competition.

The finish allows Aitken a second chance on Tour, after a disappointing debut season in 2009 which saw her make just three cuts.

The LET gets under way in February with the New Zealand Women's Open in Christchurch.



**SECOND CHANCE:** Claire Aitken

## Injured Gills ace 'horrible to live with'

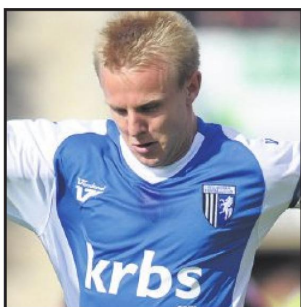
FEW people will be looking forward to the New Year more than Danny Jackman, who is hoping to make up for lost time at Gillingham following the most serious injury of his career, *writes David Pritchard*.

The midfielder, who turns 27 today, has spent three months on the sidelines recovering from surgery after dislocating his shoulder in a game at Southampton.

After a relatively injury-free start to his career, the time spent on the sidelines has been difficult.

Going under the knife meant taking twice as long to recover, but Jackman felt it was the only sensible option.

"If I hadn't had it done there was a 75-80 per cent chance it would go again," he said. "I wasn't prepared to take that risk and if it had gone after finishing the initial rehab that would have been pret-



**CROCKED:** Danny Jackman

ty much my season done and dusted. I'll still have February to May to come back in and hopefully contribute to the team.

"It's been murder, I've been horrible to live with. My wife doesn't like living with me at the moment, She's desperate for me to play so I can get out of the house."

The one consolation is the injury might easily have been much worse. Southampton's medical team, better equipped than most in League One, were able to get the shoulder back in place within six minutes of the injury, avoiding a lengthy trip to hospital to get X-rays taken.

The injury brought Jackman's second spell at the Gills to a shuddering halt, just eight games after signing from Northampton.

Although his return to first-team action is less than a month away, the midfielder does not believe he will hit top gear before the end of the season.

He said: "It's a case of getting through to the end of the season and starting afresh next year. Generally with me if I've had a full pre-season then once it gets to Christmas time that's when I start to feel properly fit."

"It does take a while so I'm not going to get to that peak of fitness."

When Jackman does return it will be to a side cautiously optimistic about the second-half of the season after a steady start to life in League One. The club's woeful away form continues to raise concerns about slipping into the bottom four and the former Aston Villa trainee firmly believes the squad have to get over the mental hurdle if they are to avoid a relegation battle in the spring.

He said: "We can't think our home form is going to be enough because there are going to be games here we're going to lose. If you're not winning away then it spells trouble, so we need to pick up a few points away, which would take the pressure off our home form. I think the boys are trying their hardest but we need to do that little bit more to see it out."

Picture: ADY KERRY



# CAPITAL GAIN

**Kent skipper Key says Oval match will give squad a boost**



Picture: ADY KERRY

**GREAT IDEA:** Rob Key says Kent's game at the Brit Oval could give the club the vital funds needed for new players

in Beckenham will host fixtures against the Somerset Sabres and Surrey Brown Caps, while the hugely popular Nevill in Tunbridge Wells stages the opening game of Kent's T20 campaign against the Sussex Sharks.

Key said: "Taking the games around the county keeps it fresh. T20 is a great product, but like anything you can overkill it. We played at Tunbridge Wells last year and it was a sell out and when you play in front of a packed crowd it is a great feeling for the players."

By **GLENN PEARSON**

KENT skipper Rob Key believes the club's decision to stage a Twenty20 home game at the Brit Oval in the summer will help the county's future recruitment of players.

Hosting the Kent Spitfires' T20 clash with old foes the Essex Eagles at the Oval in Surrey has predictably been met with a degree of scepticism from some of the club's members, but Key has urged all Kent supporters to look at the bigger picture.

The club hope the game, scheduled for July 9, will bring in extra revenue during the county's T20 campaign as they look to fill the 23,500 capacity ground in Kennington.

## Fantastic

Key told KOS Media: "I think it's fantastic, it's obviously been in the pipeline for a few weeks and as captain I am aware of how important it is going to be from a financial point of view."

"For the last couple of years, like everywhere else, money has been hard to come by and to put out a decent team you need money as much as anything else and this could be a huge part of being able to compete."

"There is always a big jigsaw puzzle trying to make the finances meet with the quality of player you want, so this could make life a lot easier, not just for the team we put out next year, but what we are able to provide for the next generation of Kent players coming through."

For some Kent supporters, however, the move to stage cricket outside the county

for the first time in the club's 168-year history is a further blow after Kent chiefs announced a 57 per cent hike in membership last month to allow for the inclusion of T20 cricket. Some of the club's members are hoping to get 100 names on a petition to call for a Special General Meeting and the news that Kent will play a game in south London, instead of playing at Canterbury or one of the county's outgrounds, has had a mixed response.

Key, who signed a deal to stay at Kent at the end of last season, sympathises with supporters but hopes they will back the club in its ambitious attempts to progress from being a second tier county.

"In the past we have been able to put a half-decent side out and that is down to the membership because we are one of the best supported clubs in the country," he said. "Without that we haven't got a great deal, but hopefully they can see this is a good way of supporting us even more and really making a massive difference. We have to look at the bigger picture - there are so many more positives than negatives to come out of this."

As the club embarks on an £8.2 million facelift for the St Lawrence Ground in Canterbury, three other T20 fixtures will be played at the county's outgrounds. The Worsley Bridge Road ground

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## Hess kills off Dover quit rumours

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DOVER Athletic boss Andy Hessenthaler has rubbished rumours suggesting he offered his resignation after his side's 6-2 Boxing Day capitulation at relegation-threatened Lewes, **writes Tom Howard.**

Dover suffered their worst defeat since Hessenthaler took charge more than two years ago as they threw away a two-goal lead to lose 6-2.

Rumours on the club's fans forum suggested Hessenthaler, who helped guide Dover to consecutive promotions, offered

his resignation after the final whistle. However, the Whites boss refuted the rumours and remains dedicated to his job at the club.

He said: "I don't know where that has come from, but I have to admit I was deeply hurt by the defeat especially as we were two goals up."

"As far as I'm concerned I have still got a job to do here and we all need to pull together at the club to get back on track."

The Dover boss has admitted some of his squad are not good enough for Blue Square South

and after a meeting with chairman Jim Parmenter, Hessenthaler revealed there is money available to bring in a number of new faces.

He said: "I don't like to be too hard on my players, as they have come a long way, but last Saturday's performance was unacceptable and they know it."

"It's not going to be easy to bring players in at this stage of the season, but I have been told there is money available and we might have to make some offers for players."



**JOB TO DO:** Andy Hessenthaler